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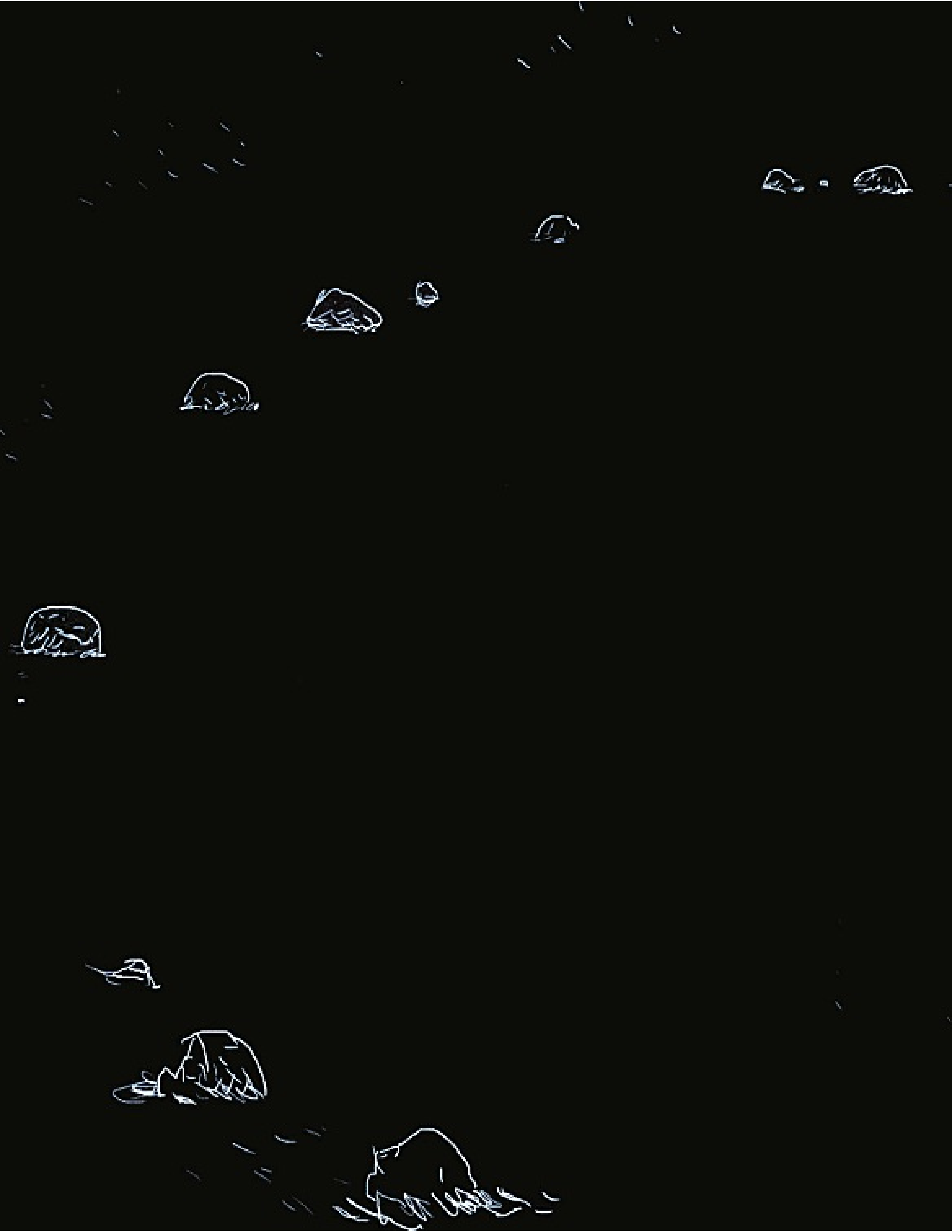

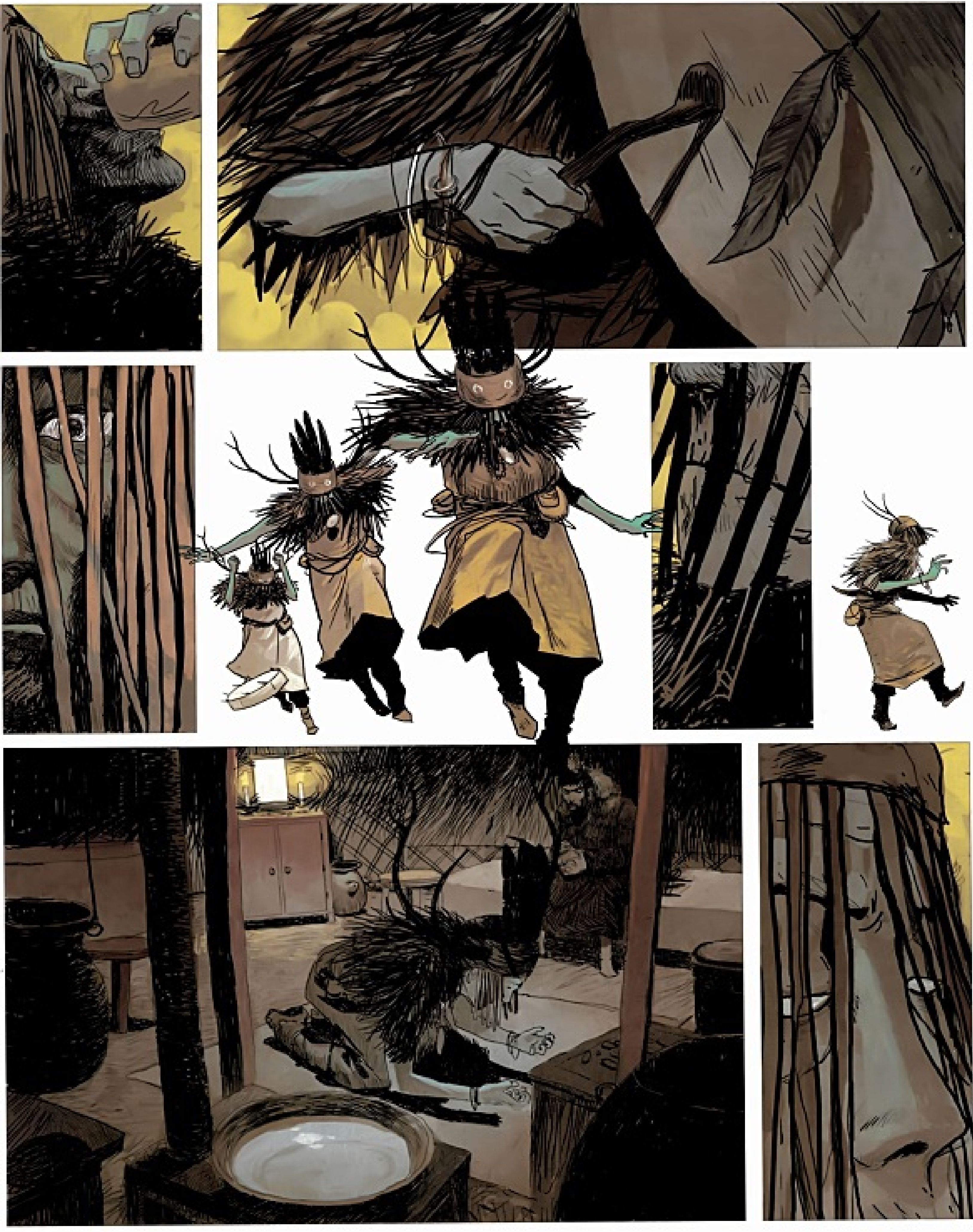

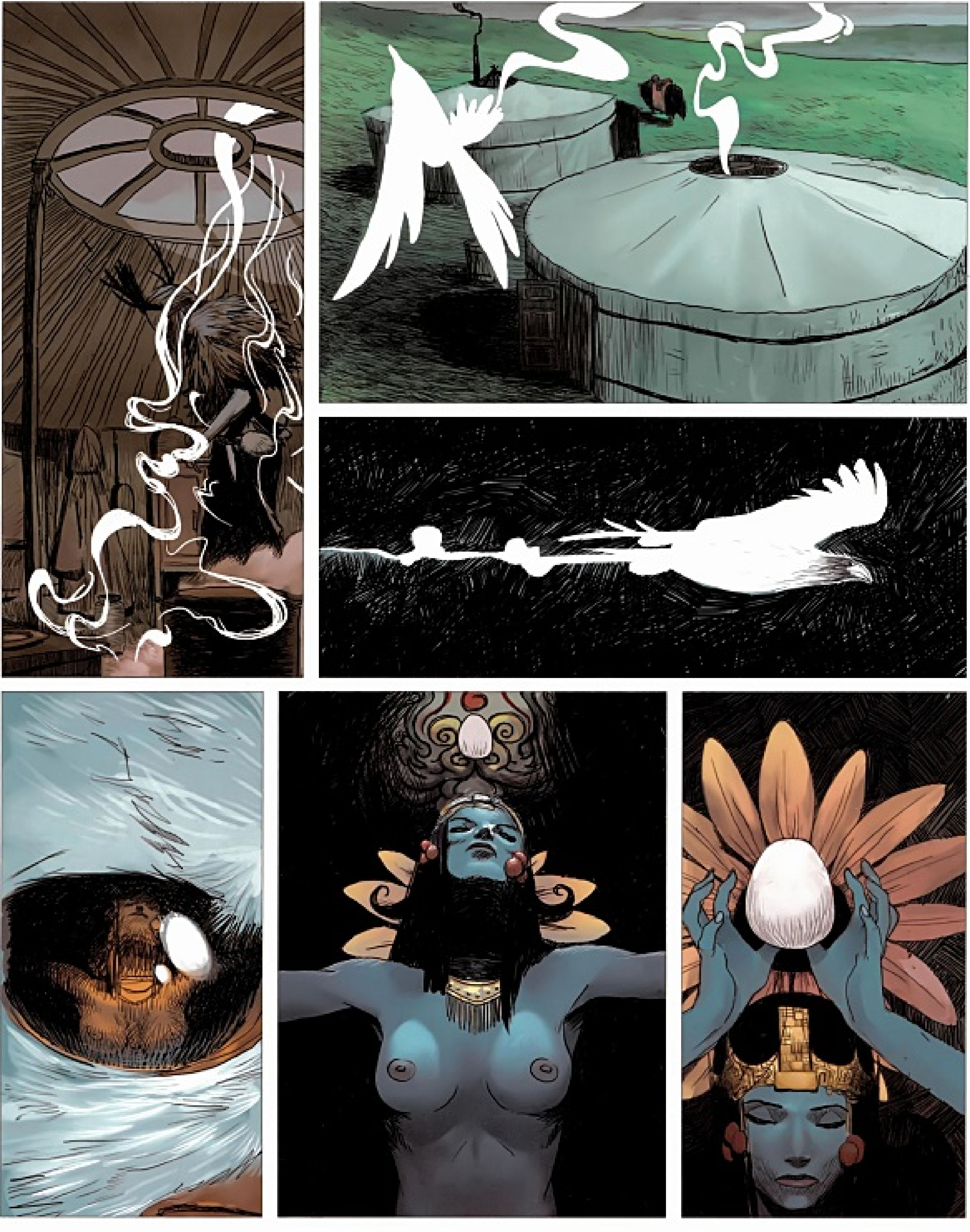

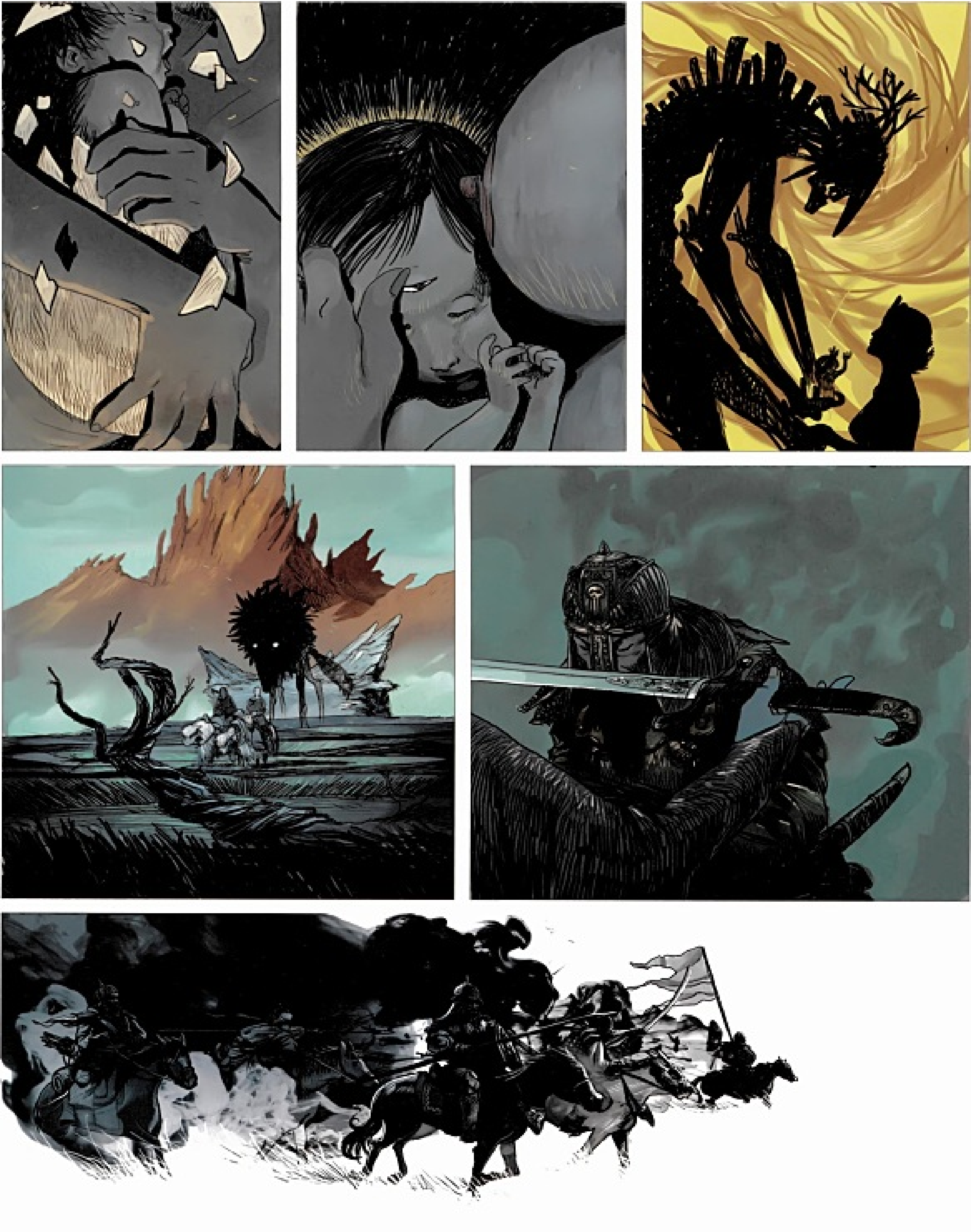

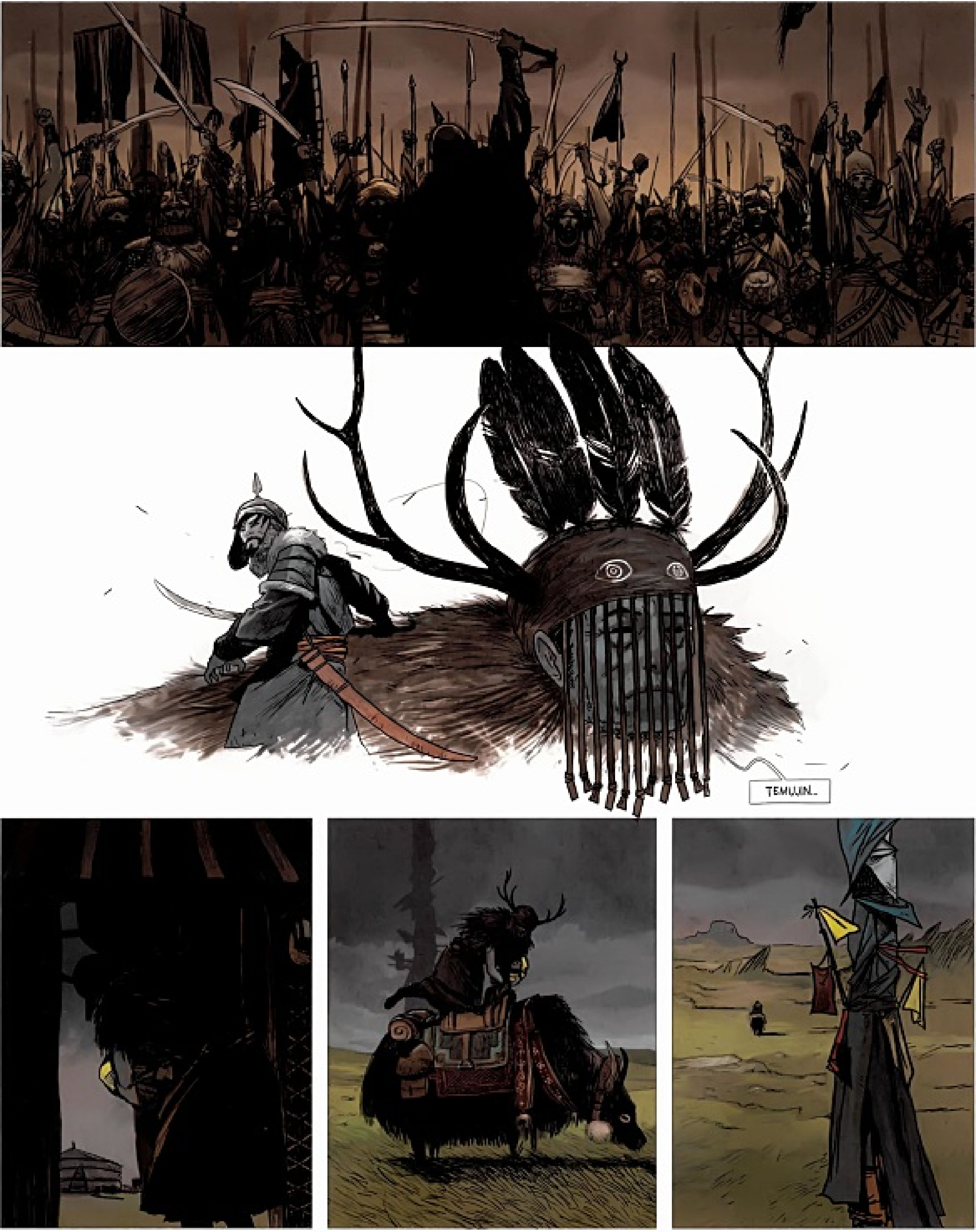
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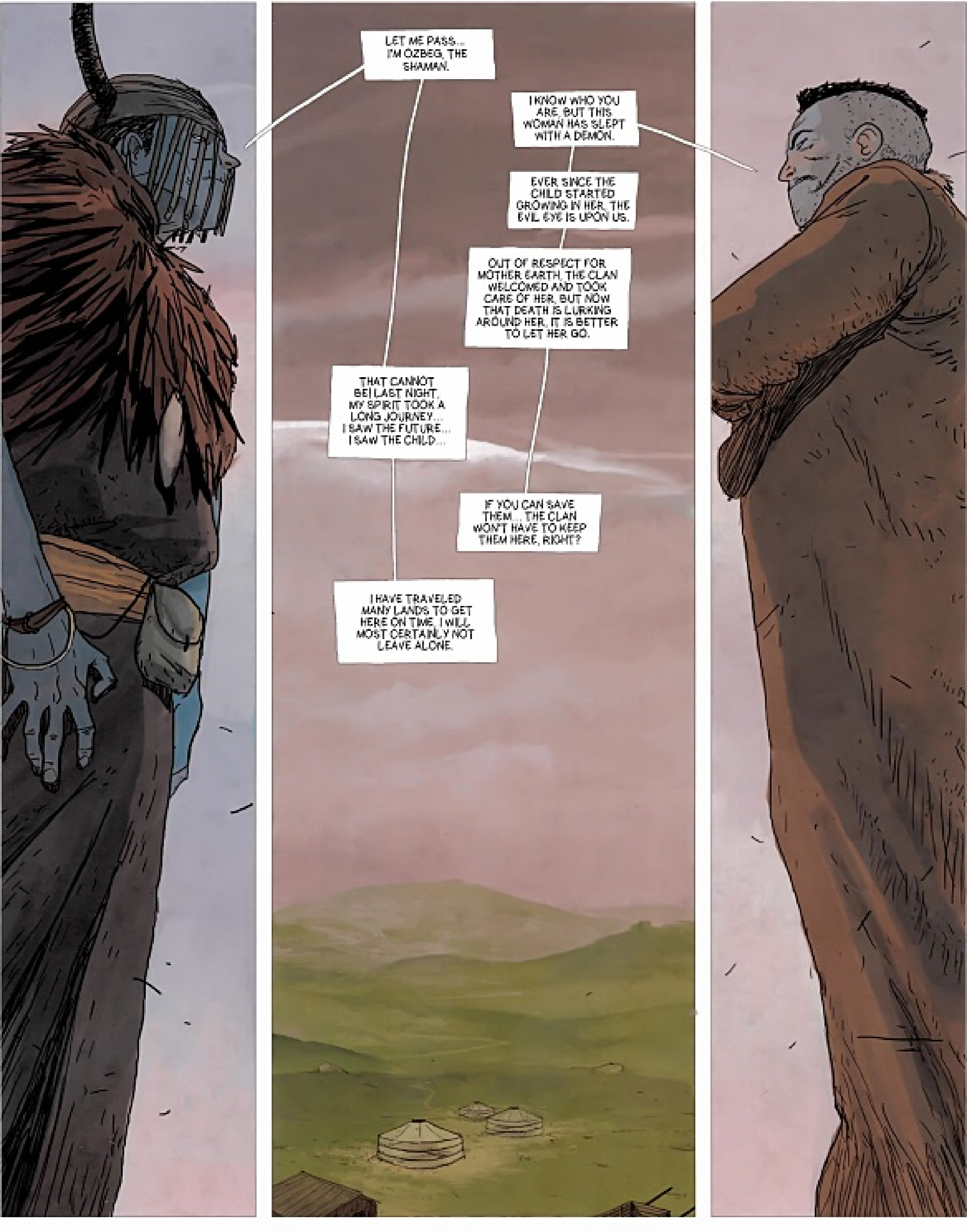
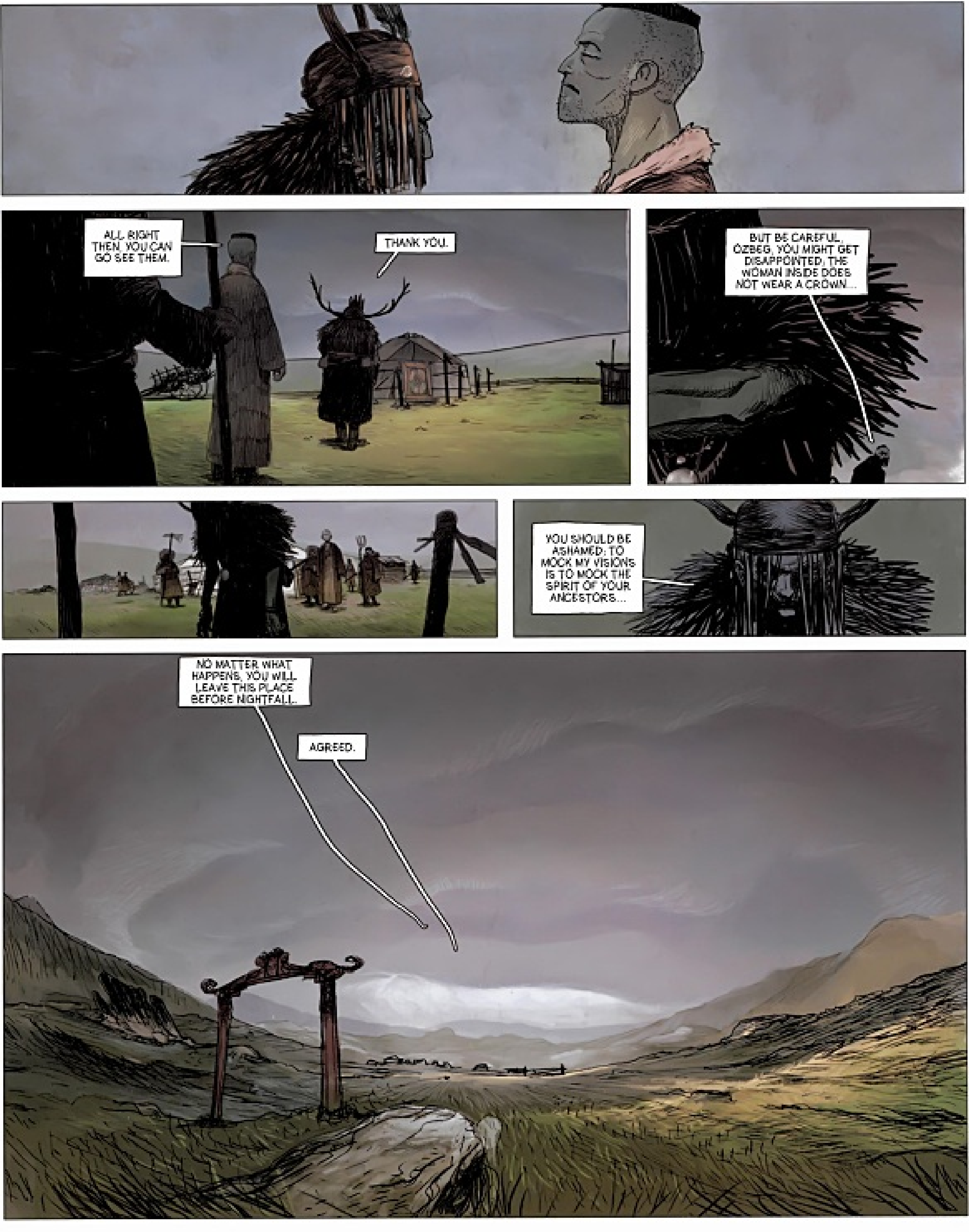
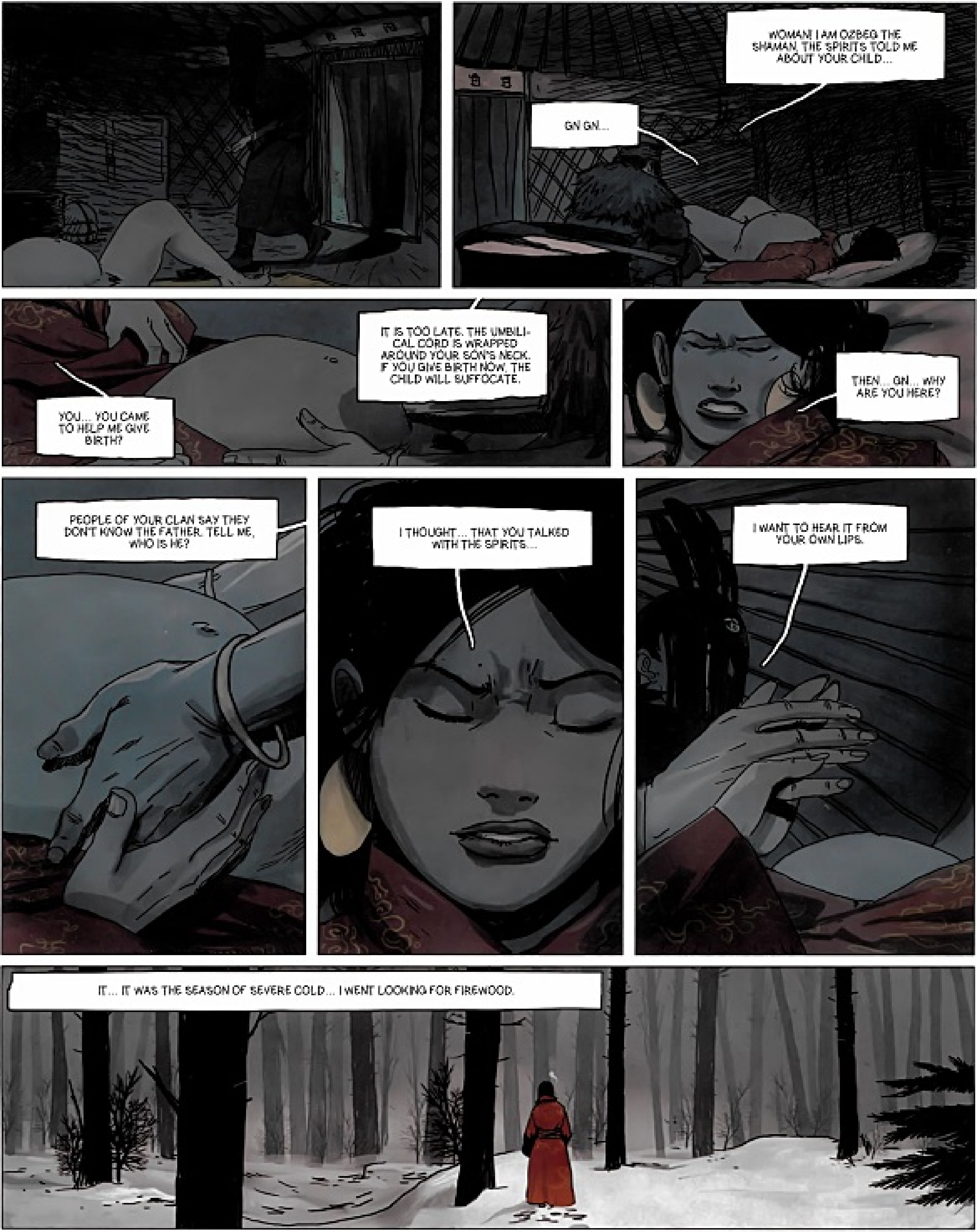
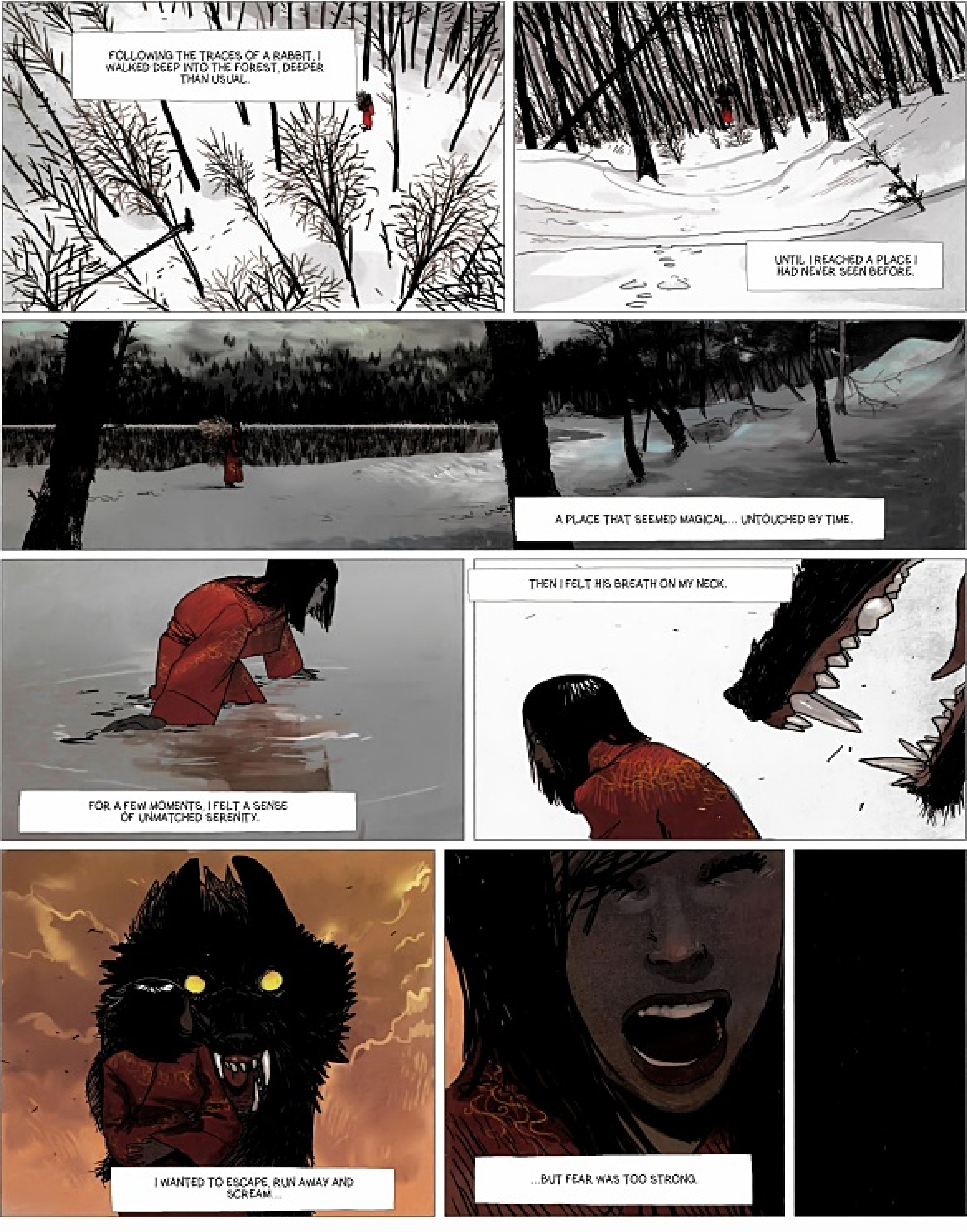
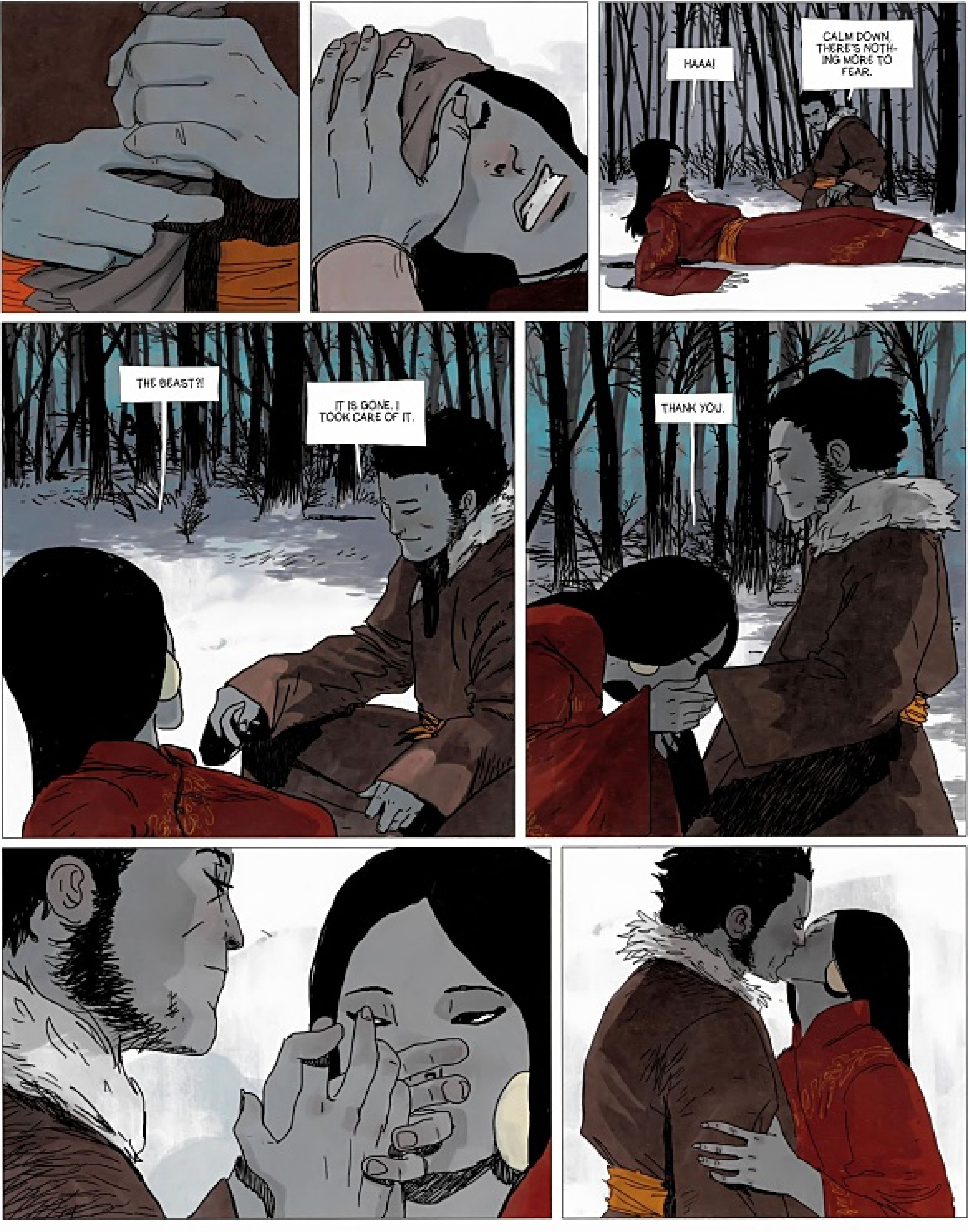
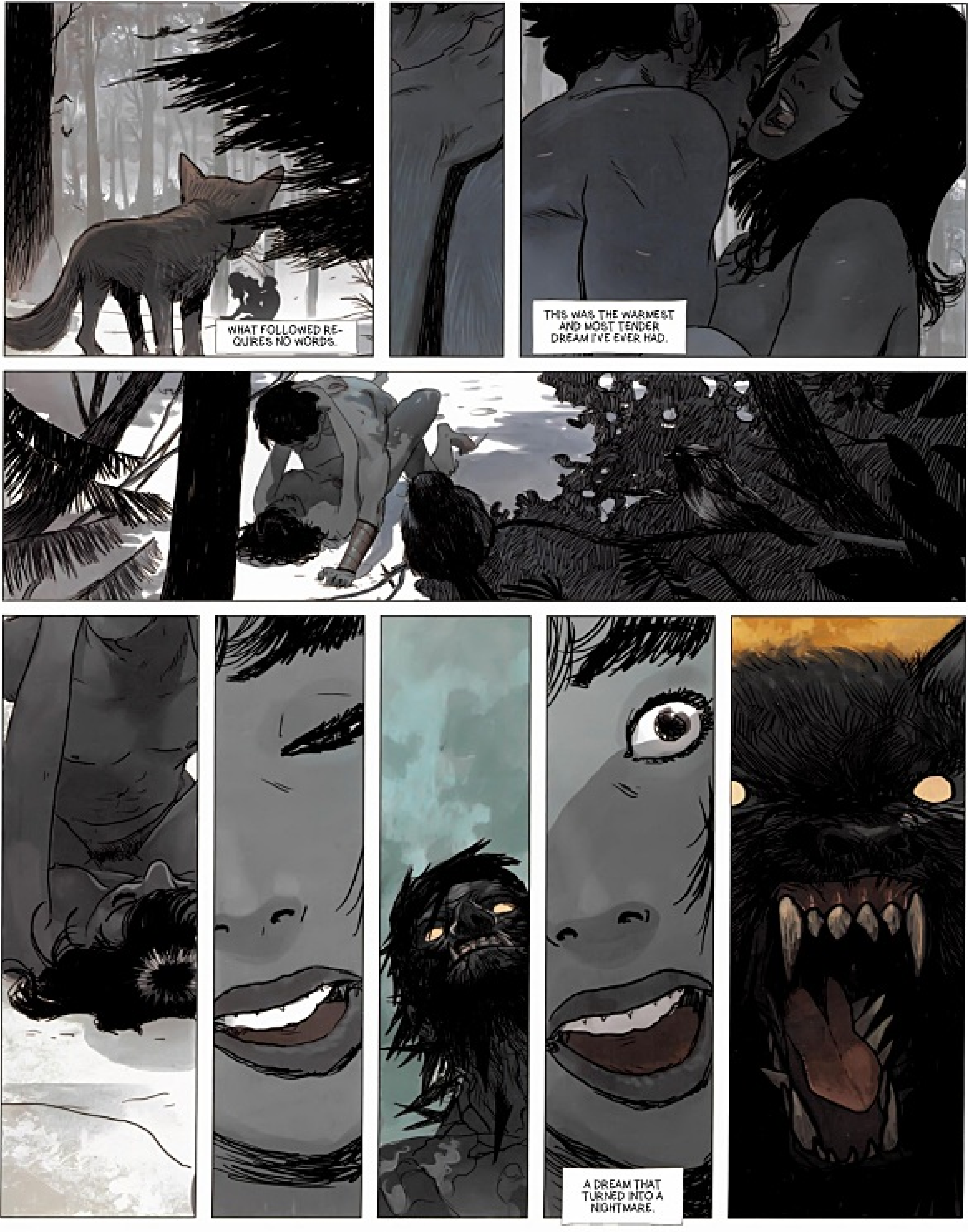

LET ME PASS... I'M OZBEG, THE SHAMAN.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT THIS WOMAN HAS SLEPT WITH A DEMON.
EVER SINCE THE CHILD STARTED GROWING IN HER, THE EVIL EYE IS UPON US.
OUT OF RESPECT FOR MOTHER EARTH, THE CLAN WELCOMED AND TOOK CARE OF HER, BUT NOW THAT DEATH IS LURKING AROUND HER, IT IS BETTER TO LET HER GO.
THAT CANNOT BE! LAST NIGHT, MY SPIRIT TOOK A LONG JOURNEY... I SAW THE FUTURE... I SAW THE CHILD...
IF YOU CAN SAVE THEM... THE CLAN WON'T HAVE TO KEEP THEM HERE, RIGHT?
I HAVE TRAVELED MANY LANDS TO GET HERE ON TIME, I WILL MOST CERTAINLY NOT LEAVE ALONE.

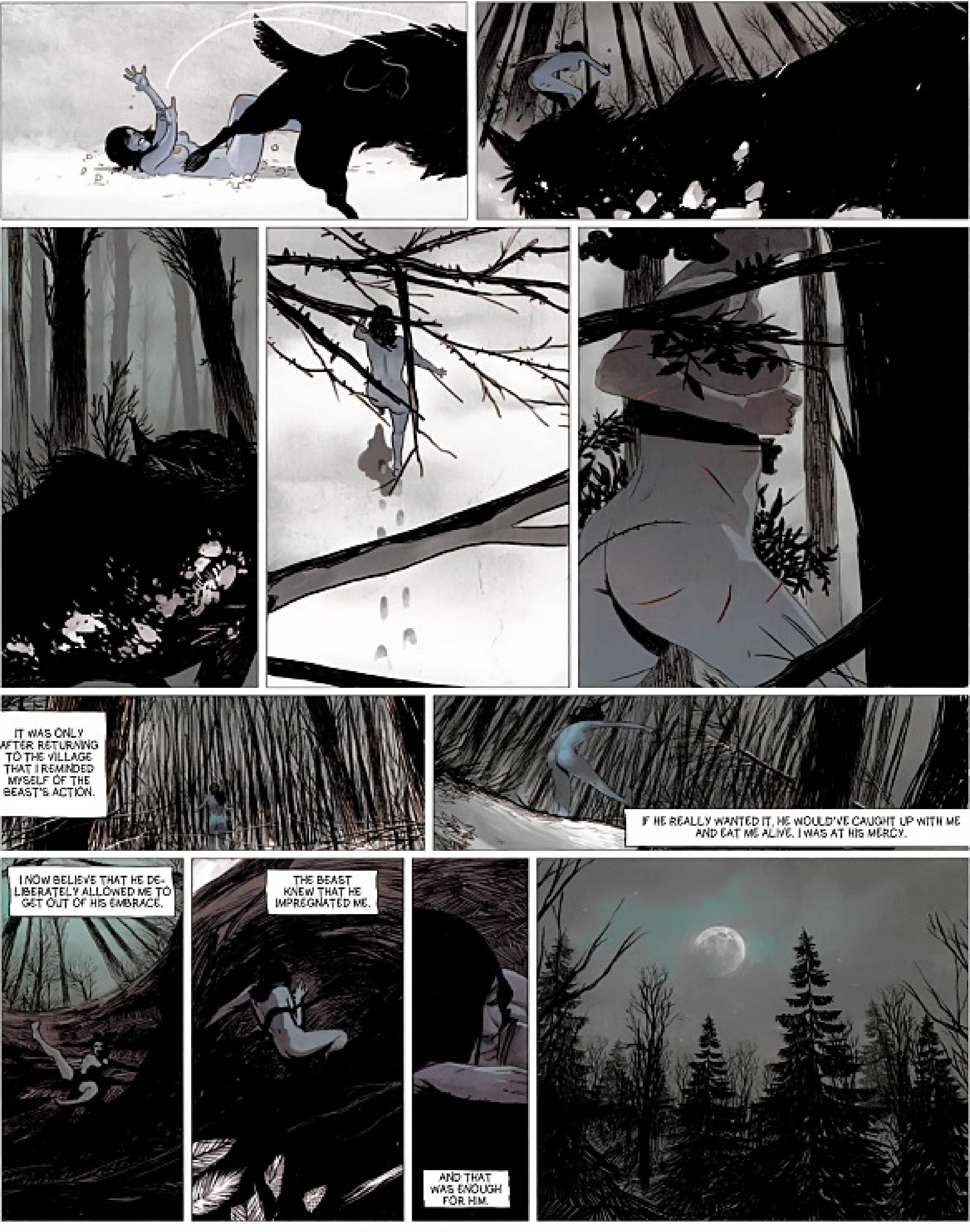

ALL RIGHT THEN. YOU CAN GO SEE THEM.
THANK YOU.
BUT BE CAREFUL, ÖZBEG, YOU MIGHT GET DISAPPOINTED; THE WOMAN INSIDE DOES *NOT* WEAR A CROWN...
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED: TO MOCK MY VISIONS IS TO MOCK THE SPIRIT OF YOUR ANCESTORS...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE BEFORE NIGHTFALL.
AGREED.

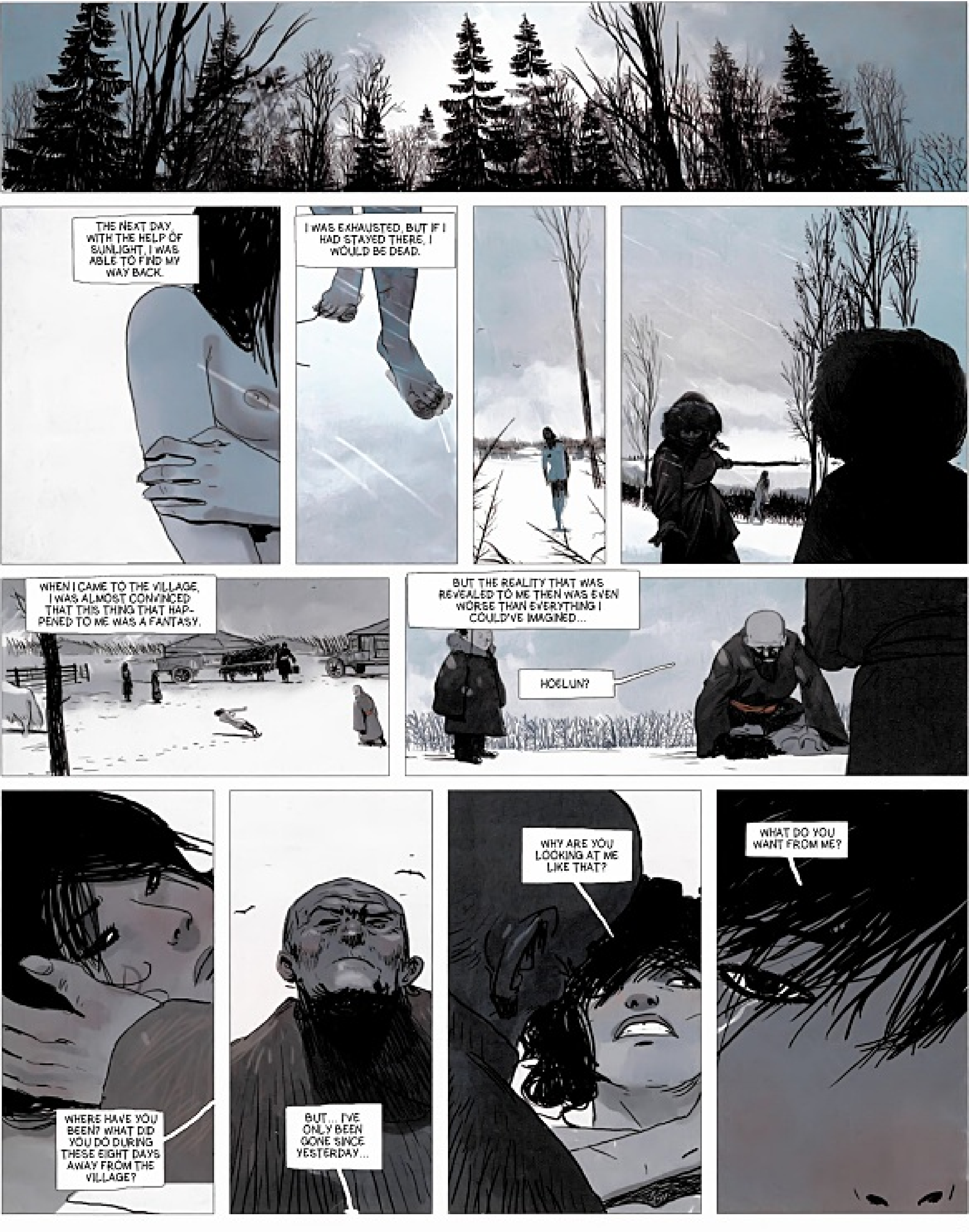

WOMAN! I AM OZBEG THE SHAMAN. THE SPIRITS TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR CHILD...
GN GN...
YOU... YOU CAME TO HELP ME GIVE BIRTH?
IT IS TOO LATE. THE UMBILICAL CORD IS WRAPPED AROUND YOUR SON'S NECK. IF YOU GIVE BIRTH NOW, THE CHILD WILL SUFFOCATE.
THEN... GN... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
PEOPLE OF YOUR CLAN SAY THEY DON'T KNOW THE FATHER. TELL ME, WHO IS HE?
I THOUGHT... THAT YOU TALKED WITH THE SPIRITS...
I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOUR OWN LIPS.
IT... IT WAS THE SEASON OF SEVERE COLD... I WENT LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD.

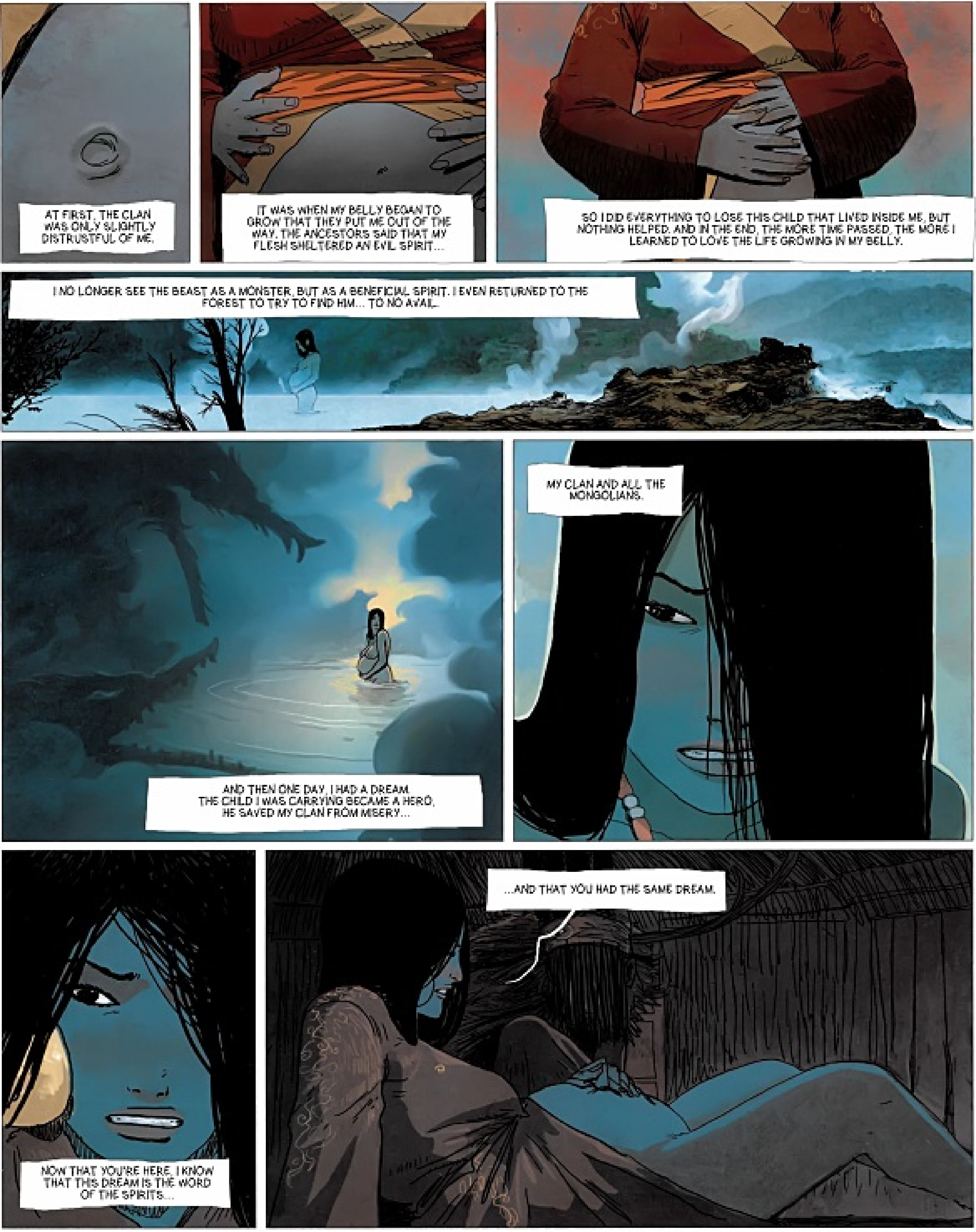

FOLLOWING THE TRACES OF A RABBIT, I WALKED DEEP INTO THE FOREST, DEEPER THAN USUAL.
UNTIL I REACHED A PLACE I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
A PLACE THAT SEEMED MAGICAL... UNTOUCHED BY TIME.
FOR A FEW MOMENTS, I FELT A SENSE OF UNMATCHED SERENITY.
THEN I FELT HIS BREATH ON MY NECK.
I WANTED TO ESCAPE, RUN AWAY AND SCREAM...
...BUT FEAR WAS TOO STRONG.

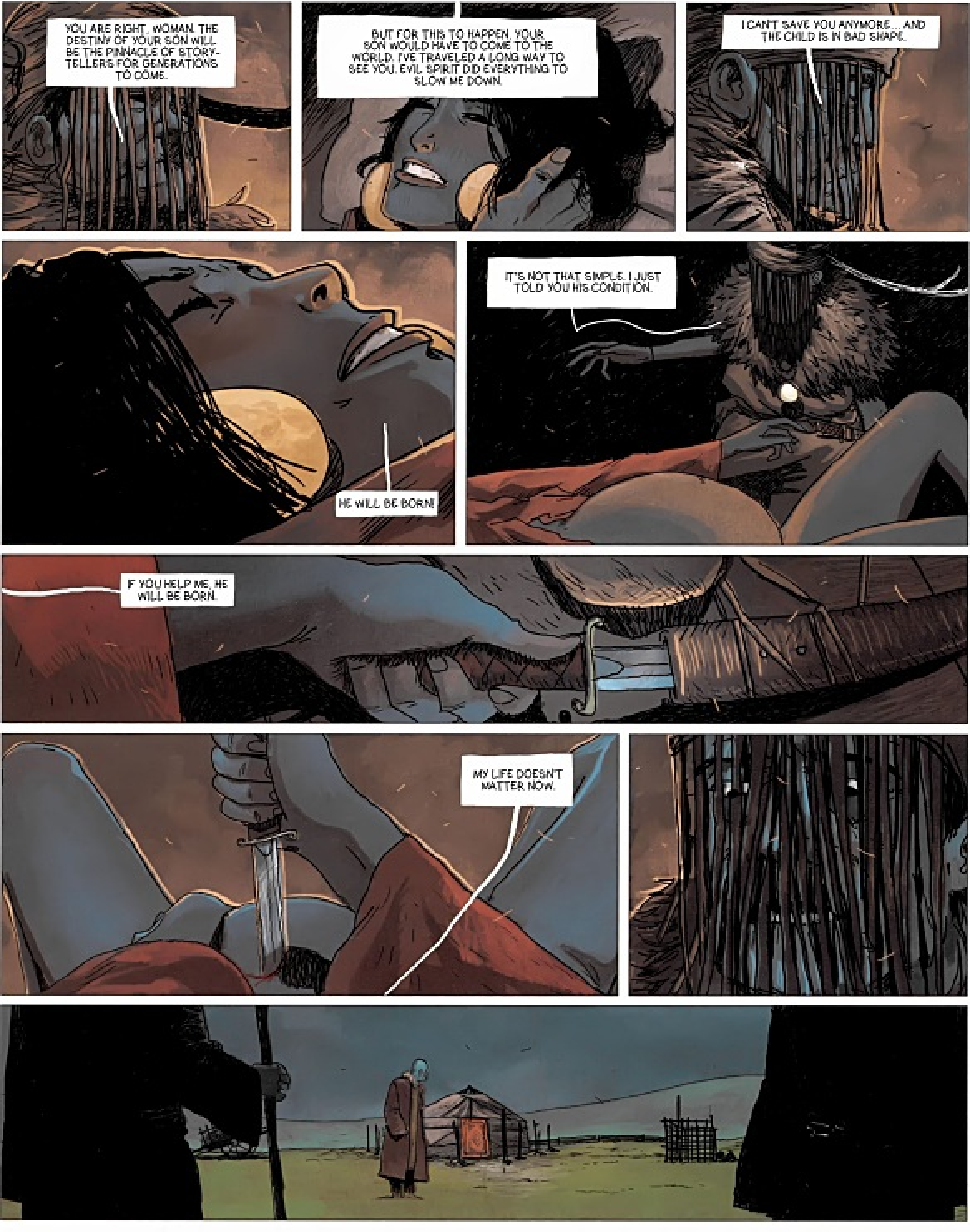

HAAA!
CALM DOWN, THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO FEAR.
THE BEAST?!
IT IS GONE. I TOOK CARE OF IT.
THANK YOU.

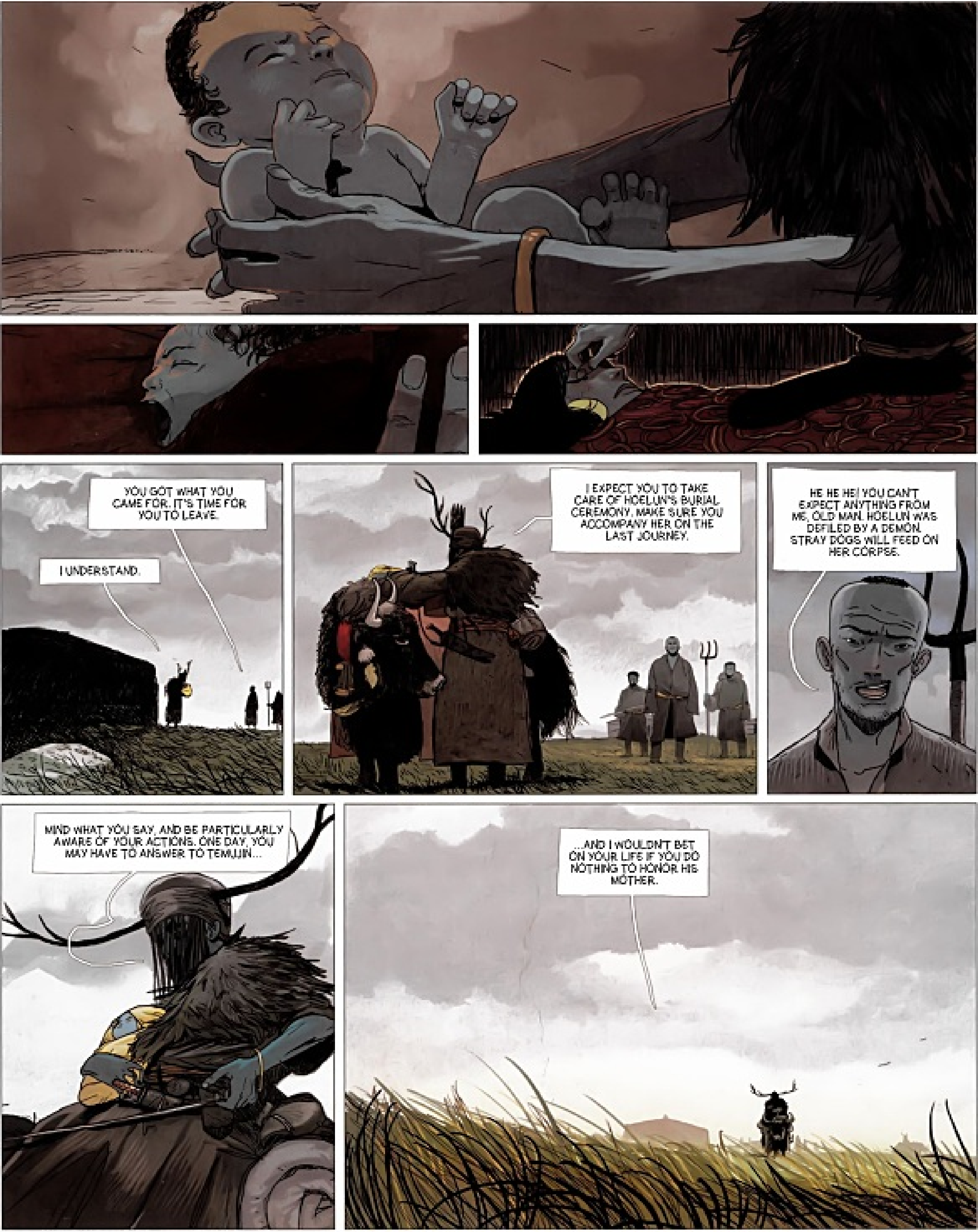

WHAT FOLLOWED REQUIRES NO WORDS.
THIS WAS THE WARMEST AND MOST TENDER DREAM I'VE EVER HAD.
A DREAM THAT TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE.

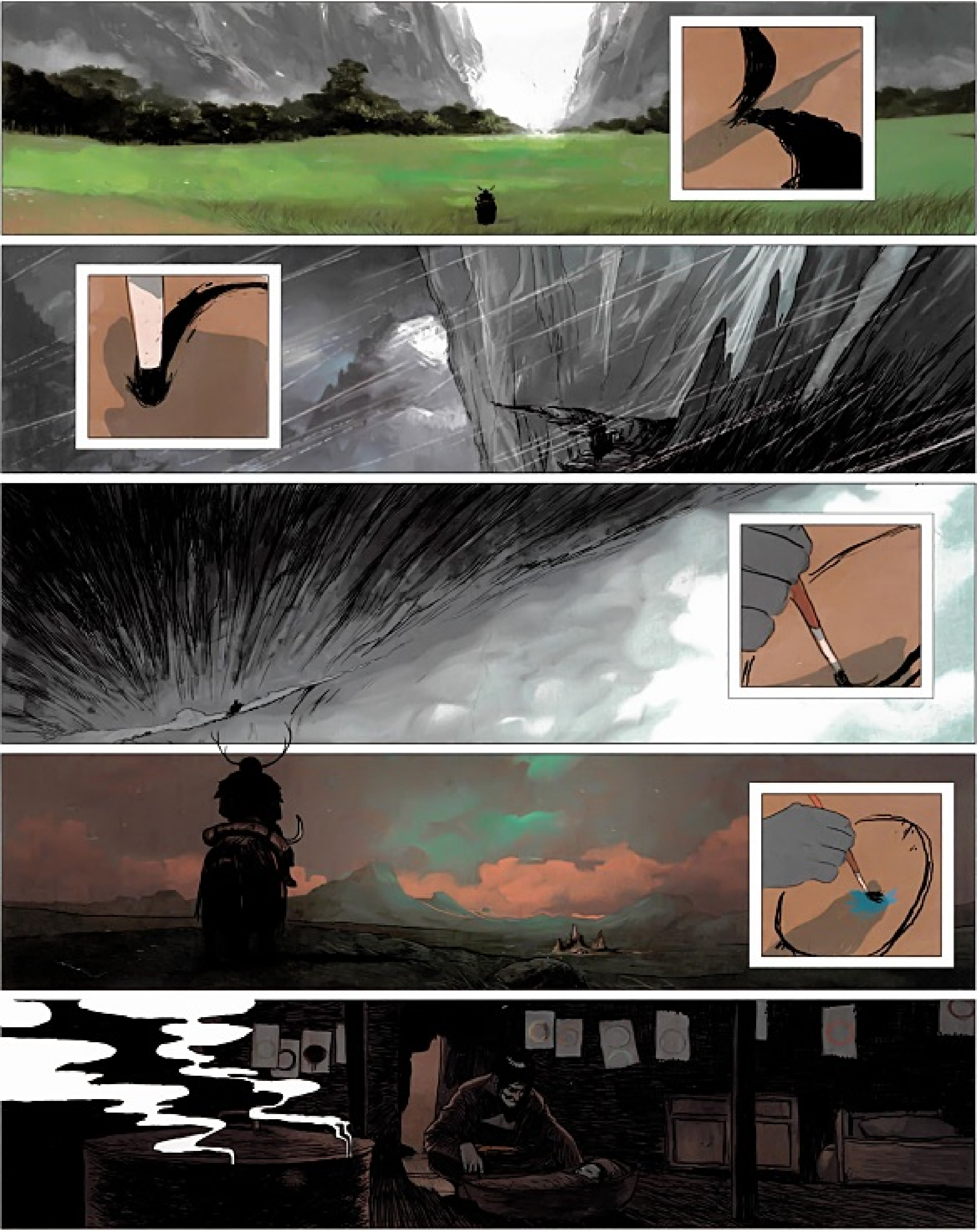

IT WAS ONLY AFTER RETURNING TO THE VILLAGE THAT I REMINDED MYSELF OF THE BEAST'S ACTION.
IF HE REALLY WANTED IT, HE WOULD'VE CAUGHT UP WITH ME AND EAT ME ALIVE. I WAS AT HIS MERCY.
I NOW BELIEVE THAT HE DELIBERATELY ALLOWED ME TO GET OUT OF HIS EMBRACE.
THE BEAST KNEW THAT HE IMPREGNATED ME.
AND THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR HIM.

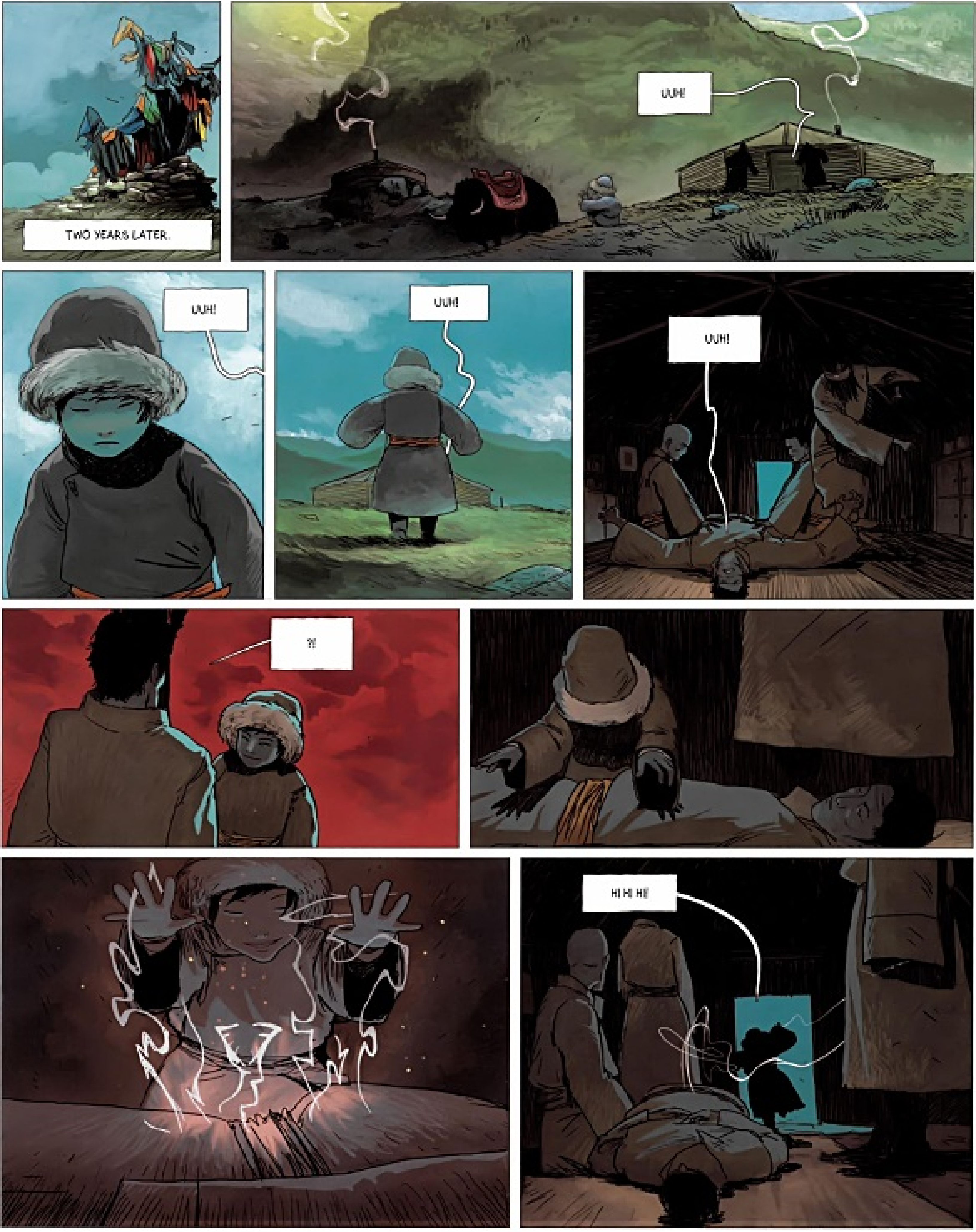

THE NEXT DAY, WITH THE HELP OF SUNLIGHT, I WAS ABLE TO FIND MY WAY BACK.
I WAS EXHAUSTED, BUT IF I HAD STAYED THERE, I WOULD BE DEAD.
WHEN I CAME TO THE VILLAGE, I WAS ALMOST CONVINCED THAT THIS THING THAT HAPPENED TO ME WAS A FANTASY.
BUT THE REALITY THAT WAS REVEALED TO ME THEN WAS EVEN WORSE THAN EVERYTHING I COULD'VE IMAGINED...
HOELUN?
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THESE EIGHT DAYS AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE?
BUT... I'VE ONLY BEEN GONE SINCE YESTERDAY...
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?


AT FIRST, THE CLAN WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY DISTRUSTFUL OF ME.
IT WAS WHEN MY BELLY BEGAN TO GROW THAT THEY PUT ME OUT OF THE WAY. THE ANCESTORS SAID THAT MY FLESH SHELTERED AN EVIL SPIRIT...
SO I DID EVERYTHING TO LOSE THIS CHILD THAT LIVED INSIDE ME, BUT NOTHING HELPED. AND IN THE END, THE MORE TIME PASSED, THE MORE I LEARNED TO LOVE THE LIFE GROWING IN MY BELLY.
I NO LONGER SEE THE BEAST AS A MONSTER, BUT AS A BENEFICIAL SPIRIT. I EVEN RETURNED TO THE FOREST TO TRY TO FIND HIM... TO NO AVAIL.
AND THEN ONE DAY, I HAD A DREAM. THE CHILD I WAS CARRYING BECAME A HERO, HE SAVED MY CLAN FROM MISERY...
MY CLAN AND ALL THE MONGOLIANS.
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, I KNOW THAT THIS DREAM IS THE WORD OF THE SPIRITS...
...AND THAT YOU HAD THE SAME DREAM.


YOU ARE RIGHT, WOMAN. THE DESTINY OF YOUR SON WILL BE THE PINNACLE OF STORYTELLERS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
BUT FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, YOUR SON WOULD HAVE TO COME TO THE WORLD. I'VE TRAVELED A LONG WAY TO SEE YOU. EVIL SPIRIT DID EVERYTHING TO SLOW ME DOWN.
I CAN'T SAVE YOU ANYMORE... AND THE CHILD IS IN BAD SHAPE.
HE WILL BE BORN!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. I JUST TOLD YOU HIS CONDITION.
IF YOU HELP ME, HE WILL BE BORN.
MY LIFE DOESN'T MATTER NOW.


YOU GOT WHAT YOU CAME FOR. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE.
I UNDERSTAND.
I EXPECT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HOELUN'S BURIAL CEREMONY. MAKE SURE YOU ACCOMPANY HER ON THE LAST JOURNEY.
HE HE HE! YOU CAN'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM ME, OLD MAN. HOELUN WAS DEFILED BY A DEMON. STRAY DOGS WILL FEED ON HER CORPSE.
MIND WHAT YOU SAY, AND BE PARTICULARLY AWARE OF YOUR ACTIONS. ONE DAY, YOU MAY HAVE TO ANSWER TO TEMUJIN...
...AND I WOULDN'T BET ON YOUR LIFE IF YOU DO NOTHING TO HONOR HIS MOTHER.




TWO YEARS LATER.
UUH!
UUH!
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UUH!
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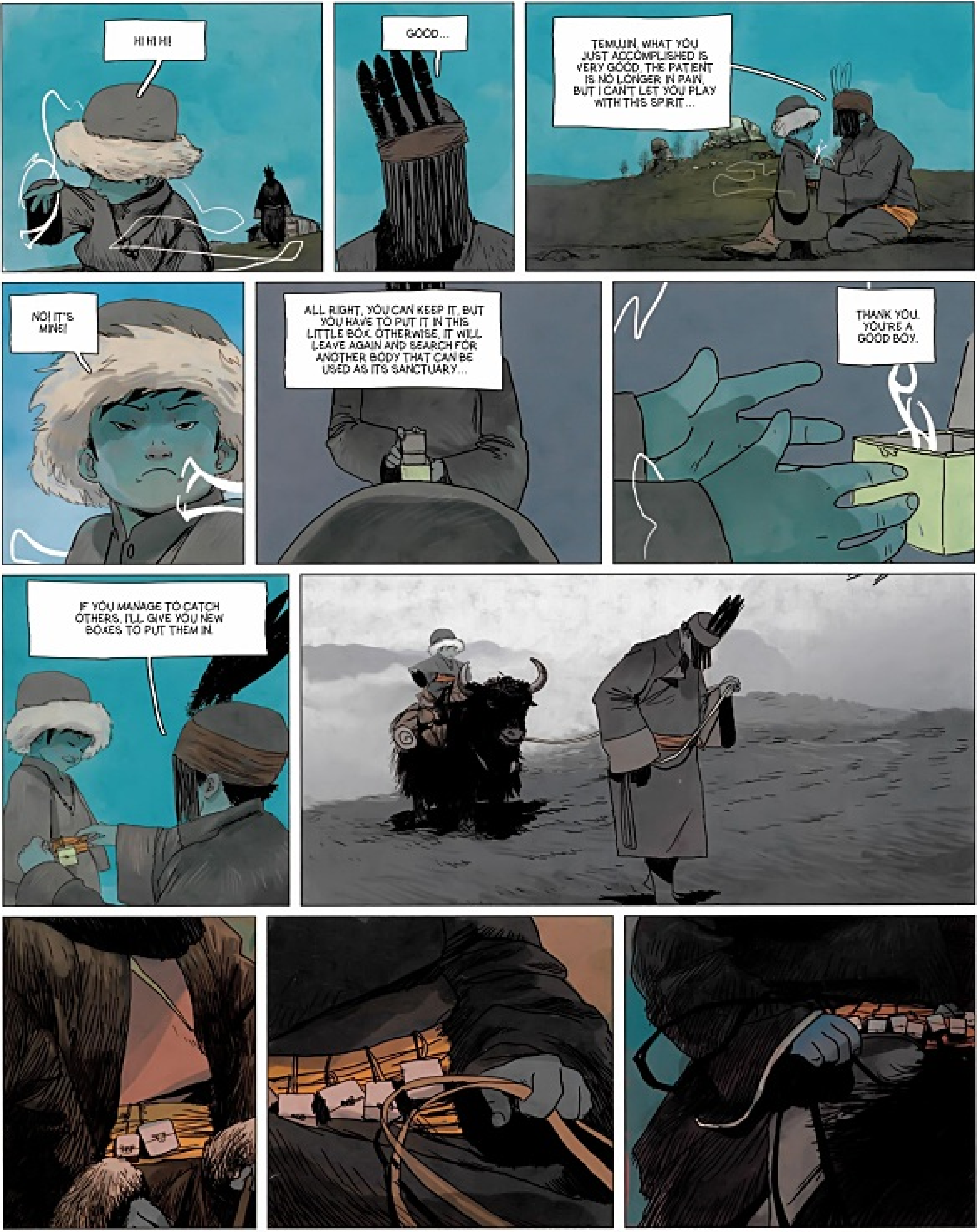
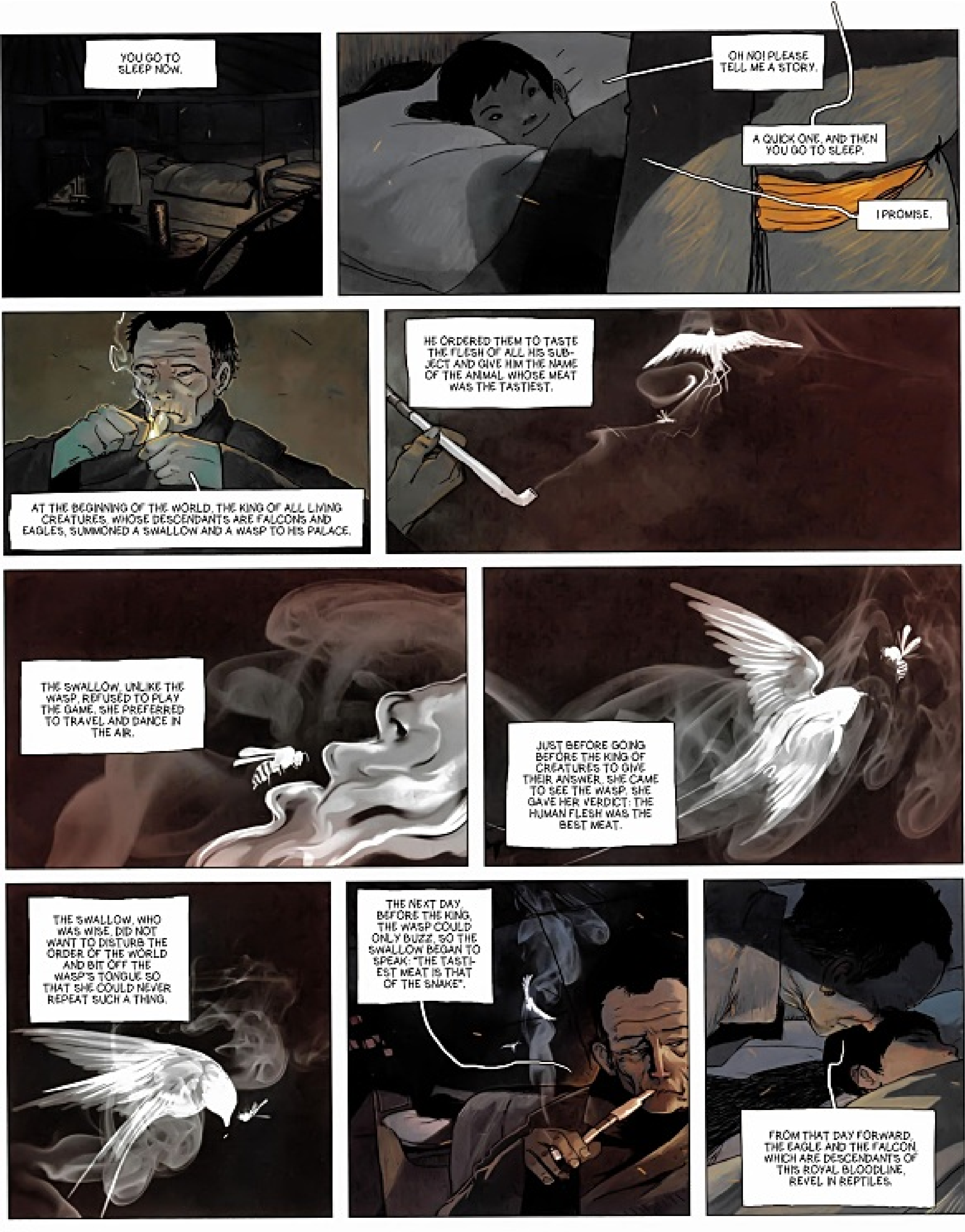
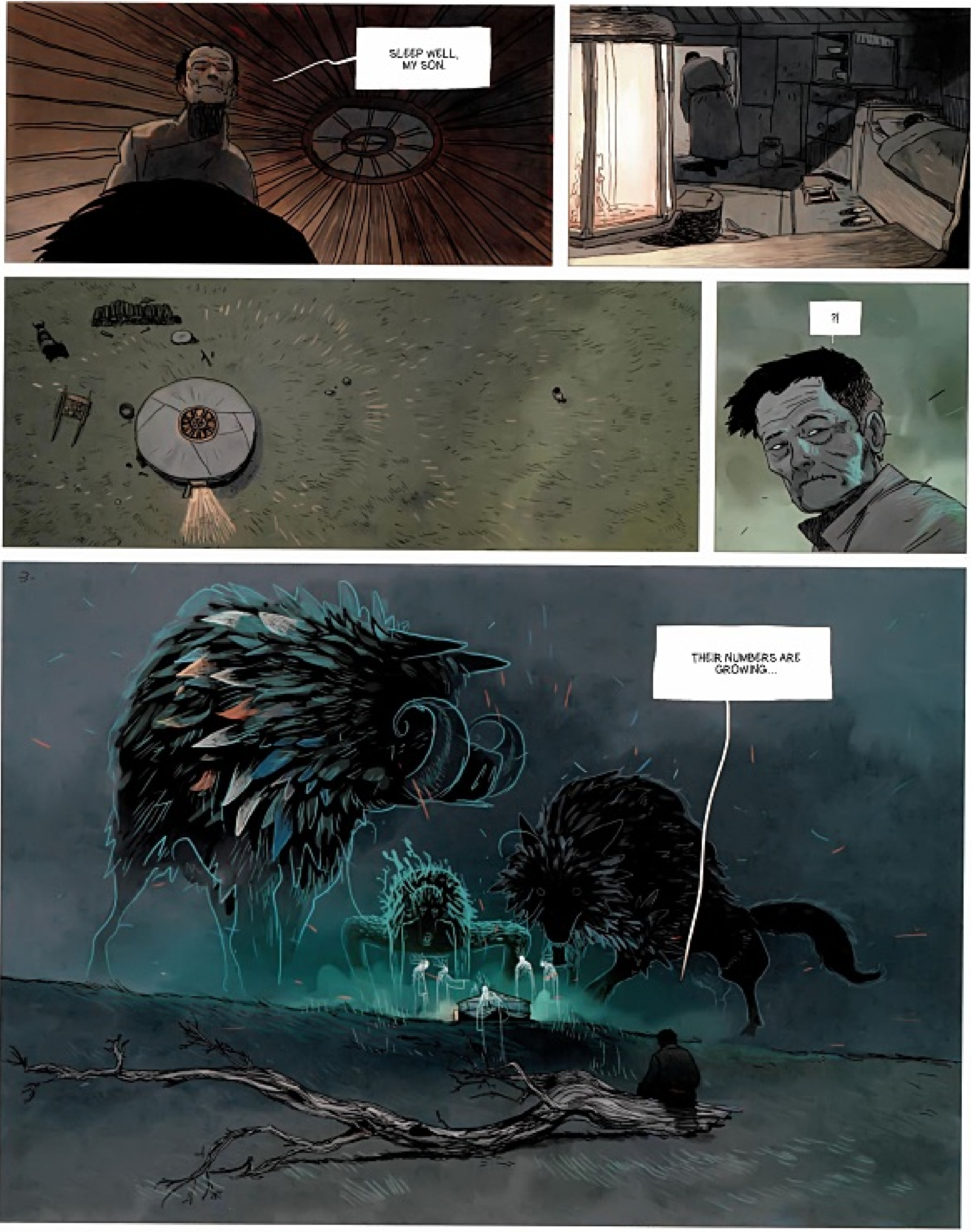
HI HI HI!


HI HI HI!
GOOD...
TEMUJIN, WHAT YOU JUST ACCOMPLISHED IS VERY GOOD, THE PATIENT IS NO LONGER IN PAIN, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU PLAY WITH THIS SPIRIT...
NO! IT'S MINE!
ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN KEEP IT, BUT YOU HAVE TO PUT IT IN THIS LITTLE BOX OTHERWISE, IT WILL LEAVE AGAIN AND SEARCH FOR ANOTHER BODY THAT CAN BE USED AS ITS SANCTUARY...
THANK YOU. YOU'RE A GOOD BOY.
IF YOU MANAGE TO CATCH OTHERS, I'LL GIVE YOU NEW BOXES TO PUT THEM IN.


YOU GO TO SLEEP NOW.
OH NO! PLEASE TELL ME A STORY.
A QUICK ONE, AND THEN YOU GO TO SLEEP.
I PROMISE.
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD, THE KING OF ALL LIVING CREATURES, WHOSE DESCENDANTS ARE FALCONS AND EAGLES, SUMMONED A SWALLOW AND A WASP TO HIS PALACE.
HE ORDERED THEM TO TASTE THE FLESH OF ALL HIS SUBJECT AND GIVE HIM THE NAME OF THE ANIMAL WHOSE MEAT WAS THE TASTIEST.
THE SWALLOW, UNLIKE THE WASP, REFUSED TO PLAY THE GAME. SHE PREFERRED TO TRAVEL AND DANCE IN THE AIR.
JUST BEFORE GOING BEFORE THE KING OF CREATURES TO GIVE THEIR ANSWER, SHE CAME TO SEE THE WASP. SHE GAVE HER VERDICT: THE HUMAN FLESH WAS THE BEST MEAT.
THE SWALLOW, WHO WAS WISE, DID NOT WANT TO DISTURB THE ORDER OF THE WORLD AND BIT OFF THE WASP'S TONGUE SO THAT SHE COULD NEVER REPEAT SUCH A THING.
THE NEXT DAY, BEFORE THE KING, THE WASP COULD ONLY BUZZ. SO THE SWALLOW BEGAN TO SPEAK: "THE TASTIEST MEAT IS THAT OF THE SNAKE".
FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, THE EAGLE AND THE FALCON, WHICH ARE DESCENDANTS OF THIS ROYAL BLOODLINE, REVEL IN REPTILES.


SLEEP WELL,
MY SON.
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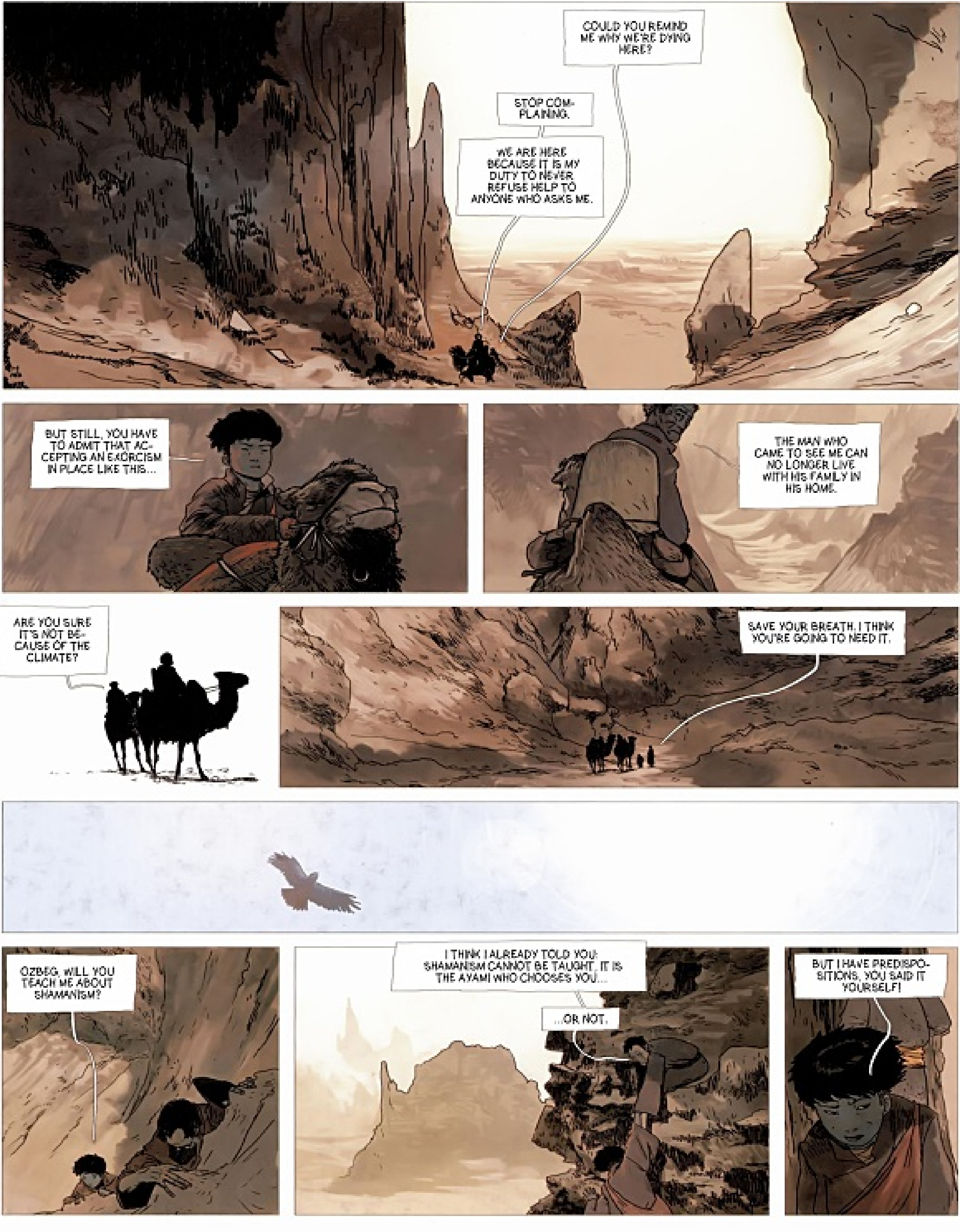
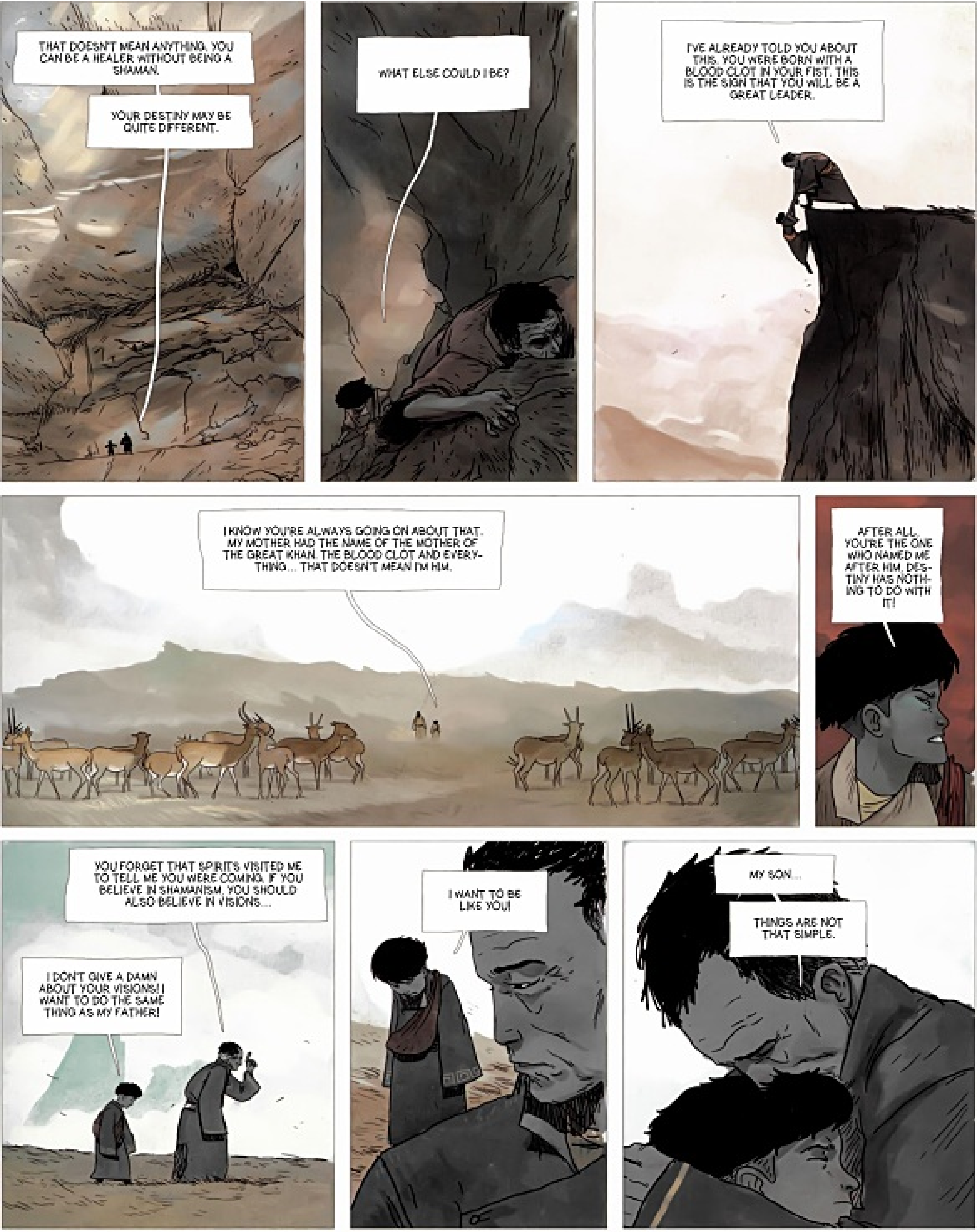
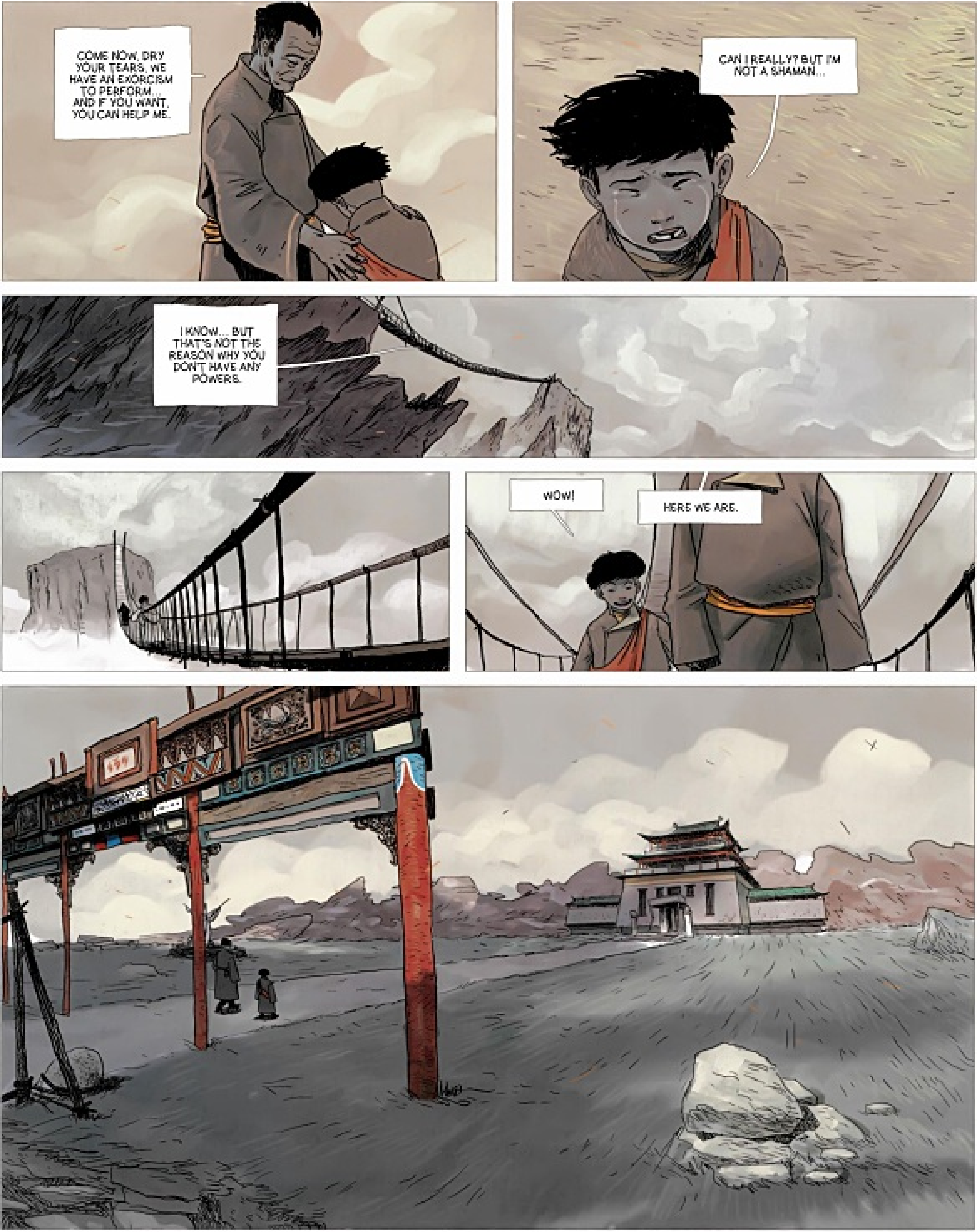
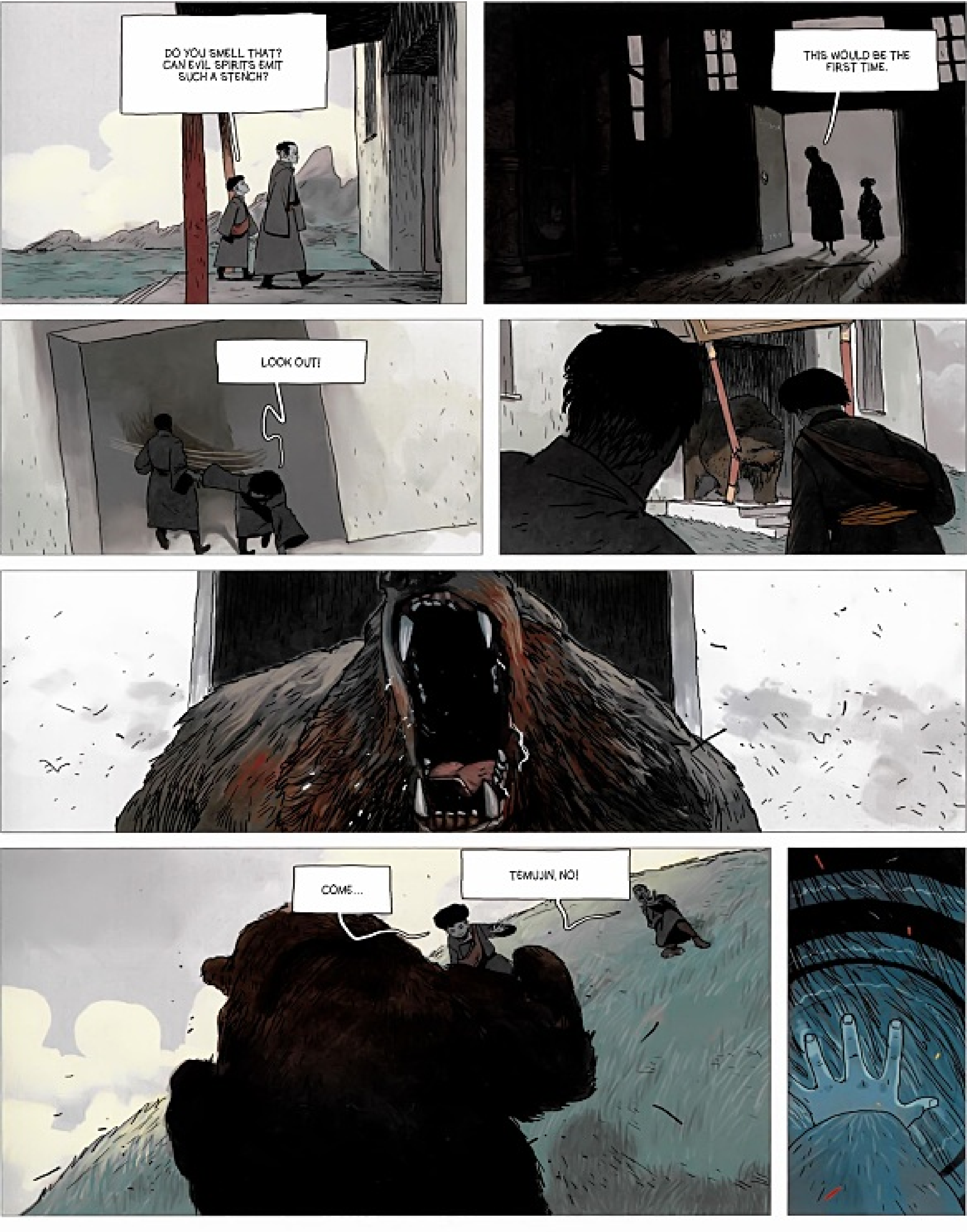
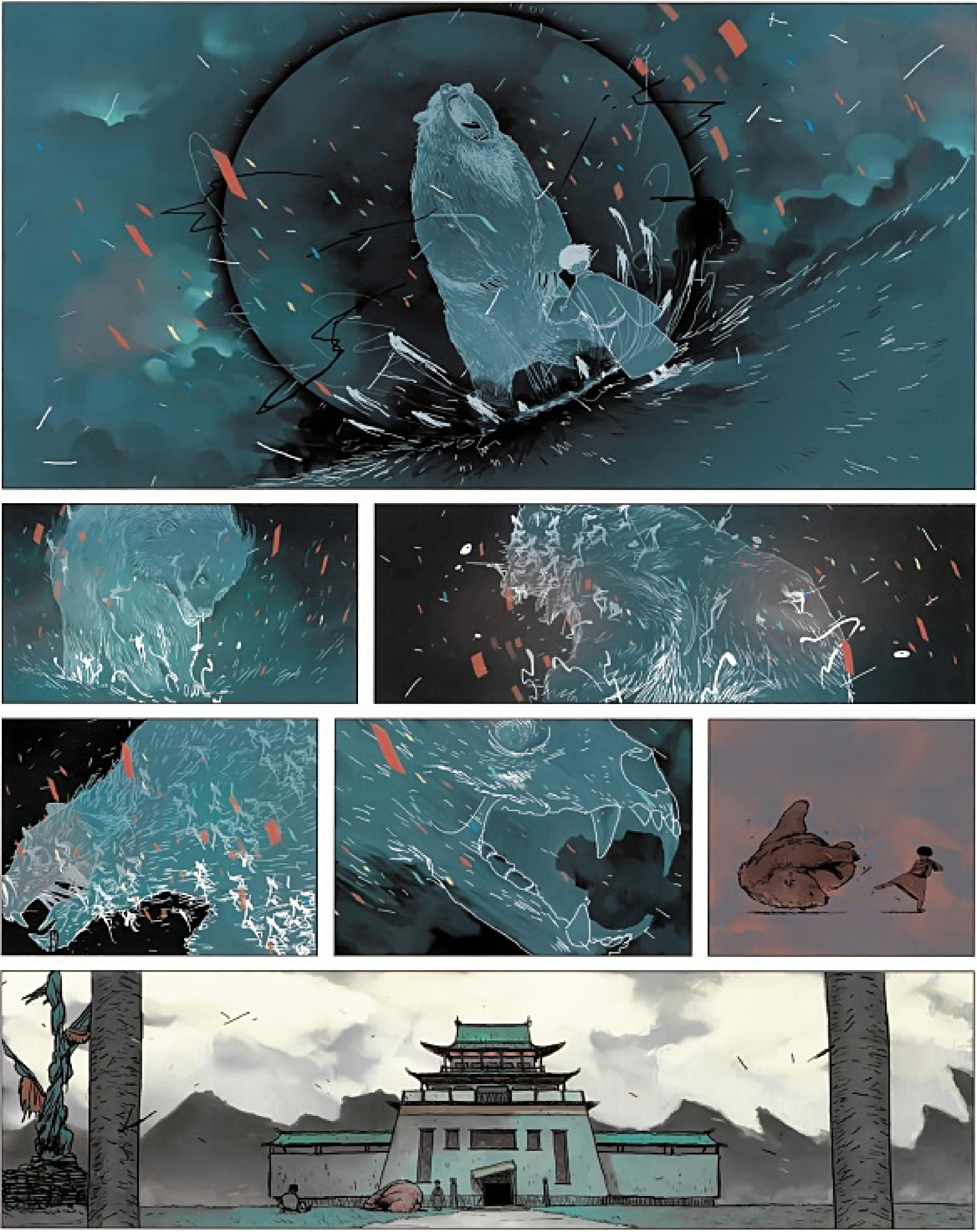
THEIR NUMBERS ARE
GROWING...

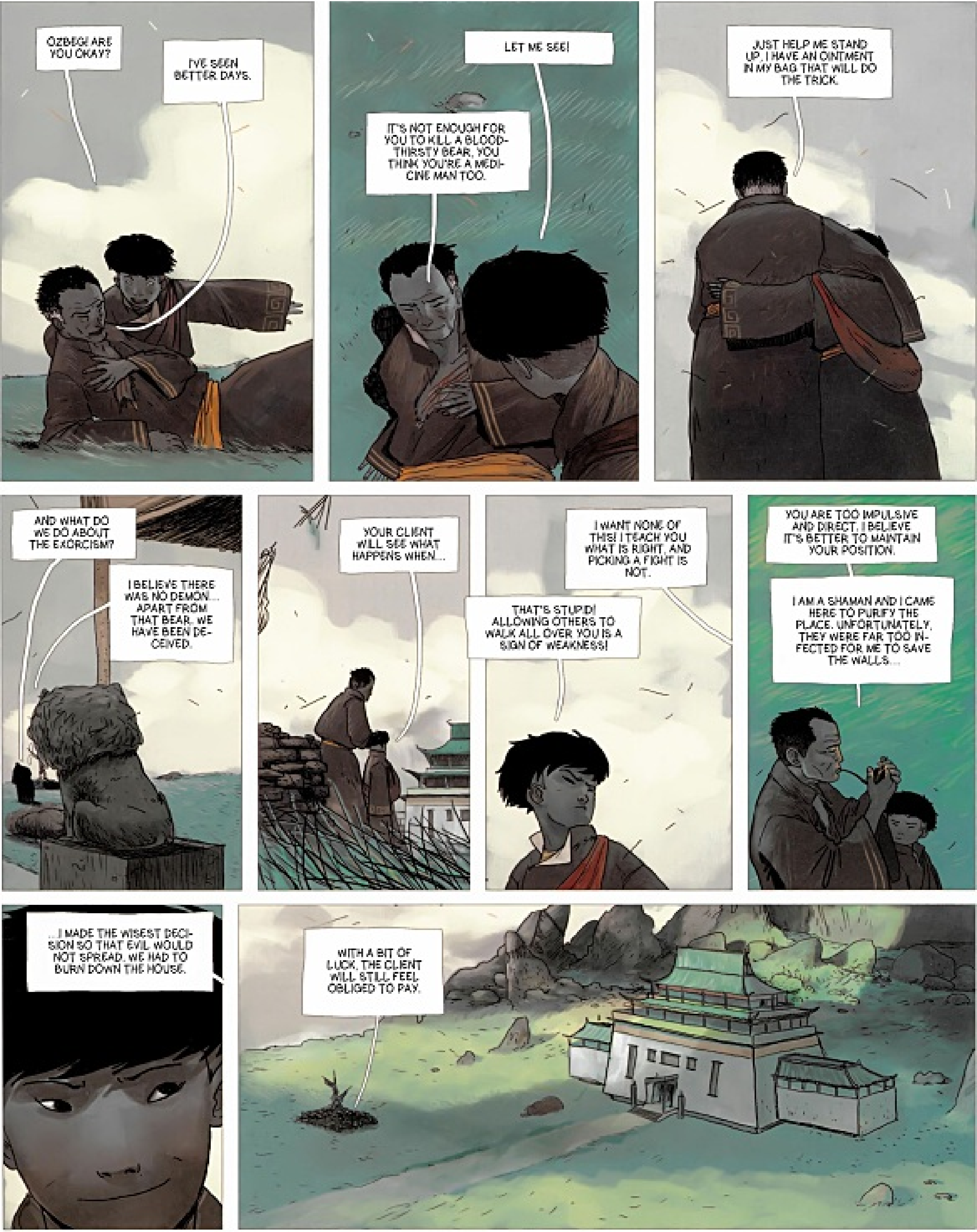

COULD YOU REMIND ME WHY WE'RE DYING HERE?
STOP COMPLAINING.
WE ARE HERE BECAUSE IT IS MY DUTY TO NEVER REFUSE HELP TO ANYONE WHO ASKS ME.
BUT STILL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THAT ACCEPTING AN EXORCISM IN PLACE LIKE THIS...
THE MAN WHO CAME TO SEE ME CAN NO LONGER LIVE WITH HIS FAMILY IN HIS HOME.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE CLIMATE?
SAVE YOUR BREATH. I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT.
OZBEG, WILL YOU TEACH ME ABOUT SHAMANISM?
I THINK I ALREADY TOLD YOU: SHAMANISM CANNOT BE TAUGHT. IT IS THE AYAMI WHO CHOOSES YOU...
...OR NOT.
BUT I HAVE PREDISPOSITIONS, YOU SAID IT YOURSELF!

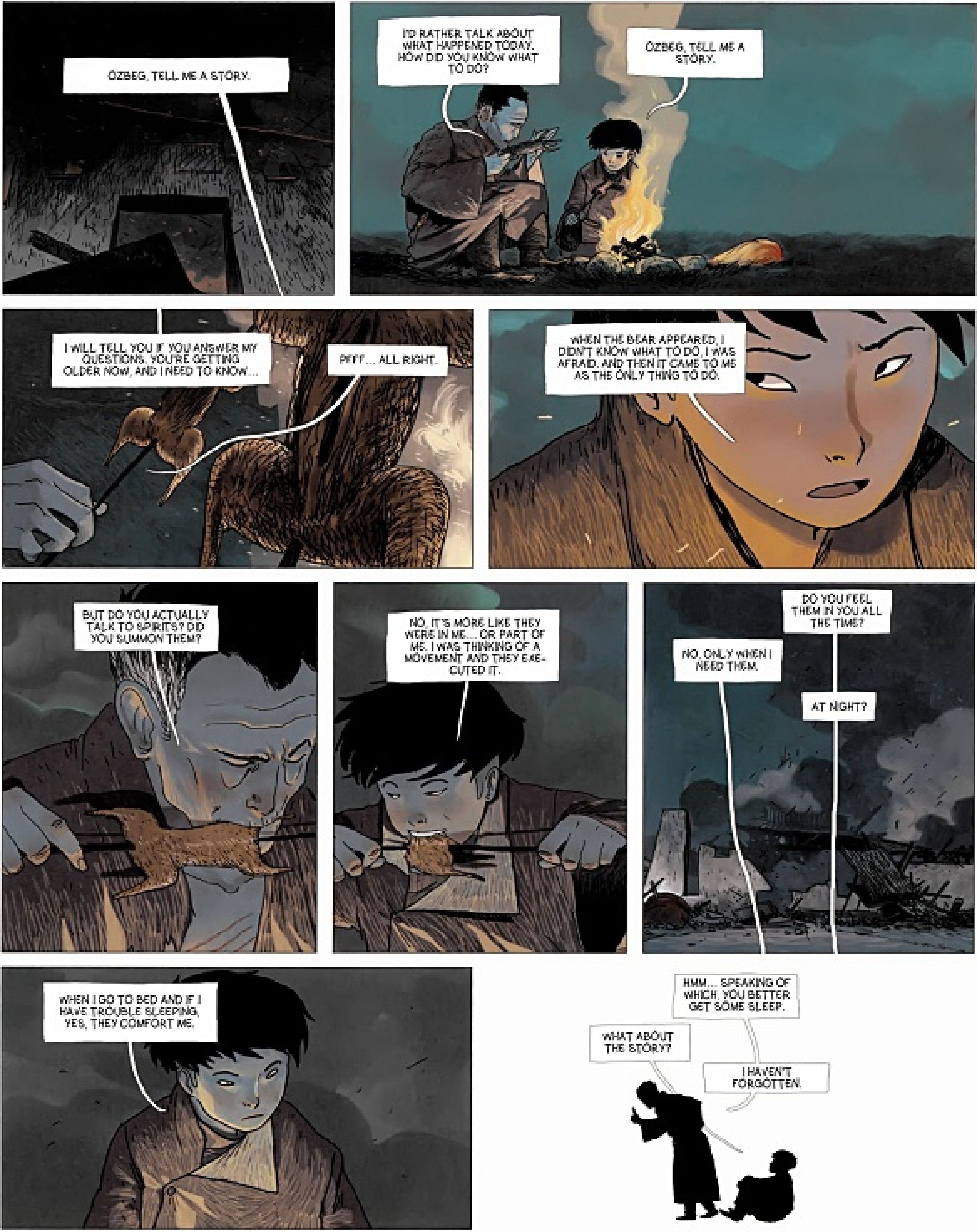

THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. YOU CAN BE A HEALER WITHOUT BEING A SHAMAN.
YOUR DESTINY MAY BE QUITE DIFFERENT.
WHAT ELSE COULD I BE?
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS. YOU WERE BORN WITH A BLOOD CLOT IN YOUR FIST. THIS IS THE SIGN THAT YOU WILL BE A GREAT LEADER.
I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING ON ABOUT THAT. MY MOTHER HAD THE NAME OF THE MOTHER OF THE GREAT KHAN. THE BLOOD CLOT AND EVERYTHING... THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M HIM.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NAMED ME AFTER HIM. DESTINY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
YOU FORGET THAT SPIRITS VISITED ME TO TELL ME YOU WERE COMING. IF YOU BELIEVE IN SHAMANISM, YOU SHOULD ALSO BELIEVE IN VISIONS...
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR VISIONS! I WANT TO DO THE SAME THING AS MY FATHER!
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU!
MY SON...
THINGS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE.

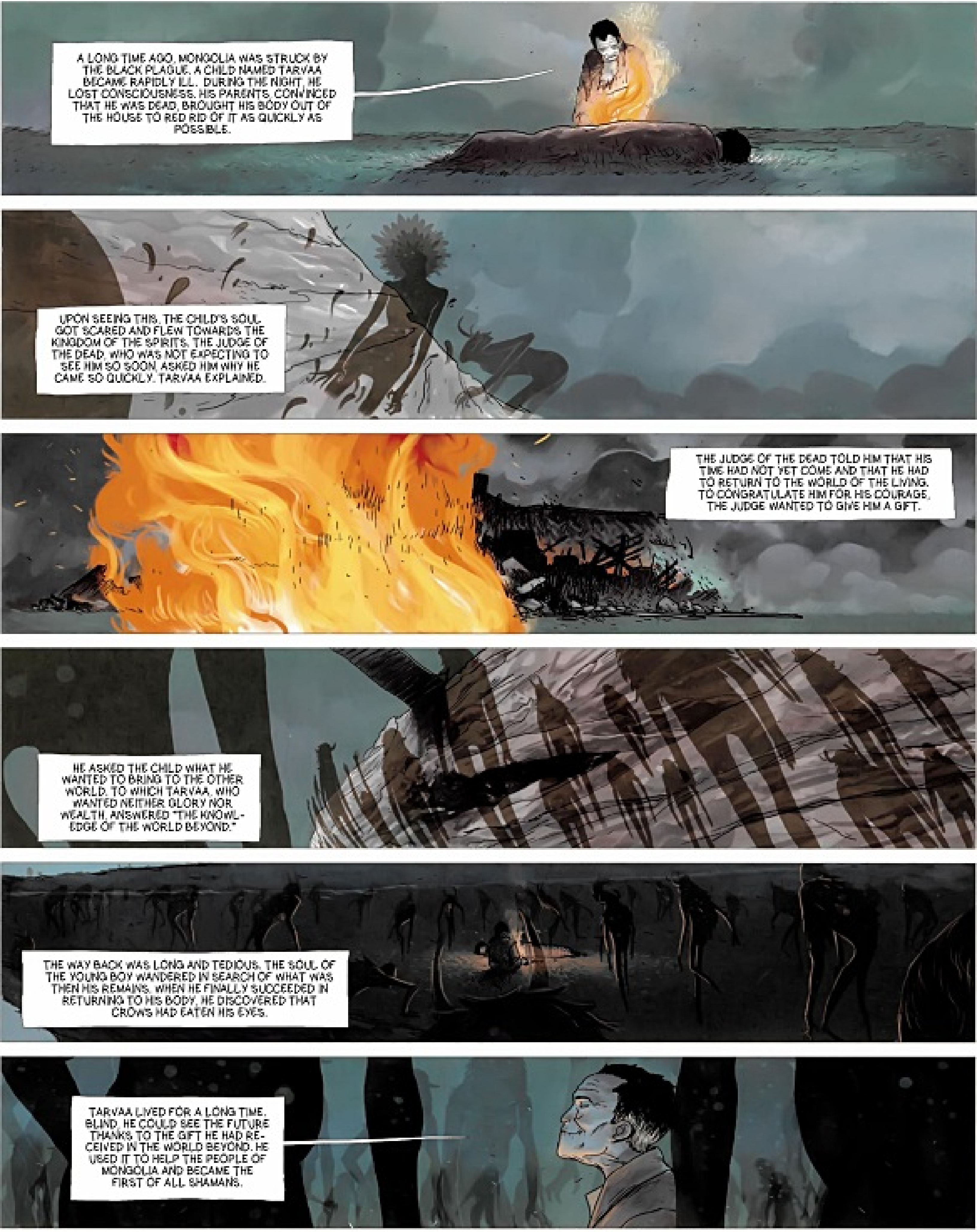

COME NOW, DRY YOUR TEARS, WE HAVE AN EXORCISM TO PERFORM... AND IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN HELP ME.
CAN I REALLY? BUT I'M NOT A SHAMAN...
I KNOW... BUT THAT'S NOT THE REASON WHY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS.
WOW!
HERE WE ARE.

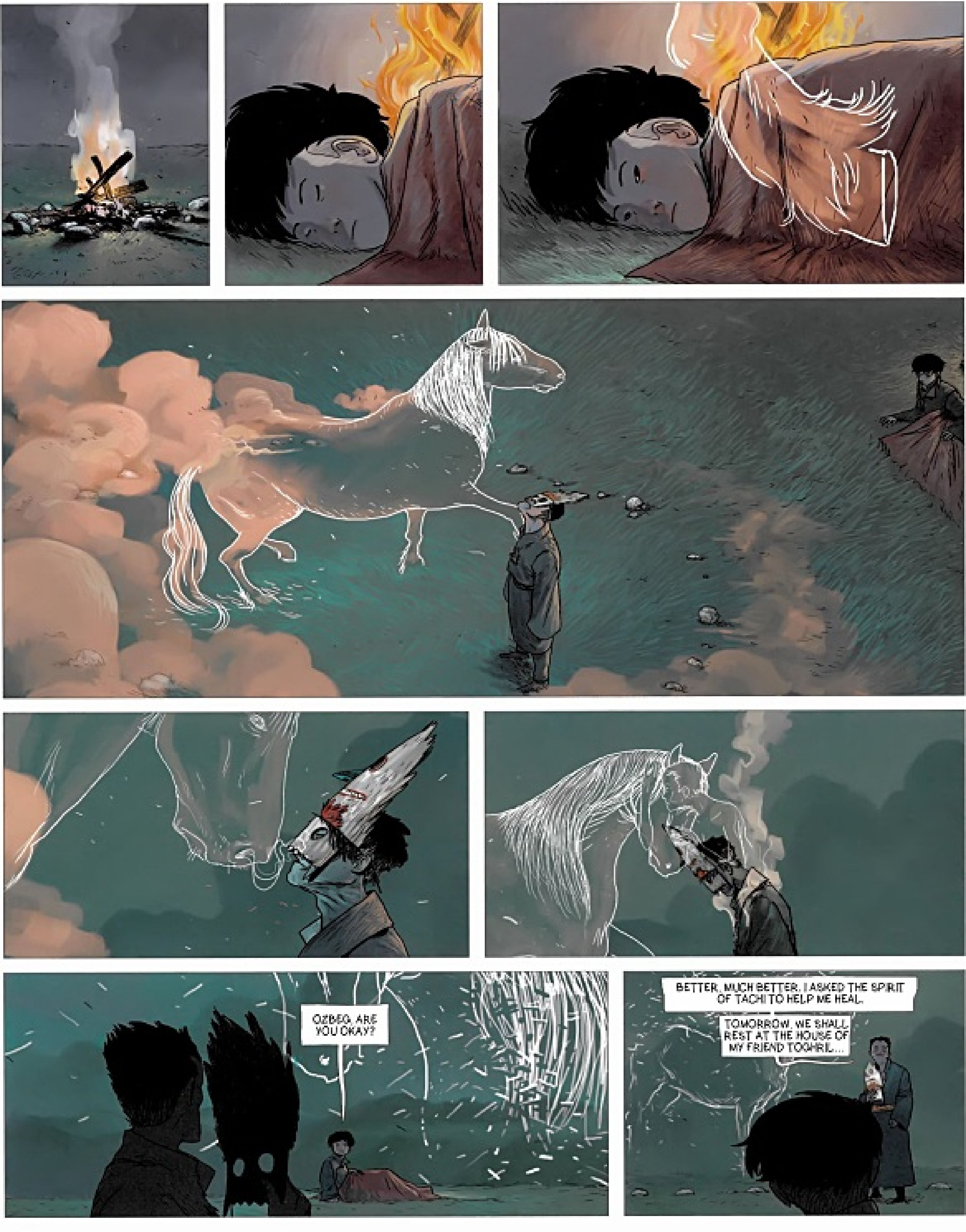

DO YOU SMELL THAT? CAN EVIL SPIRIT'S EMIT SUCH A STENCH?
THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME.
LOOK OUT!
COME...
TEMUJIN, NO!

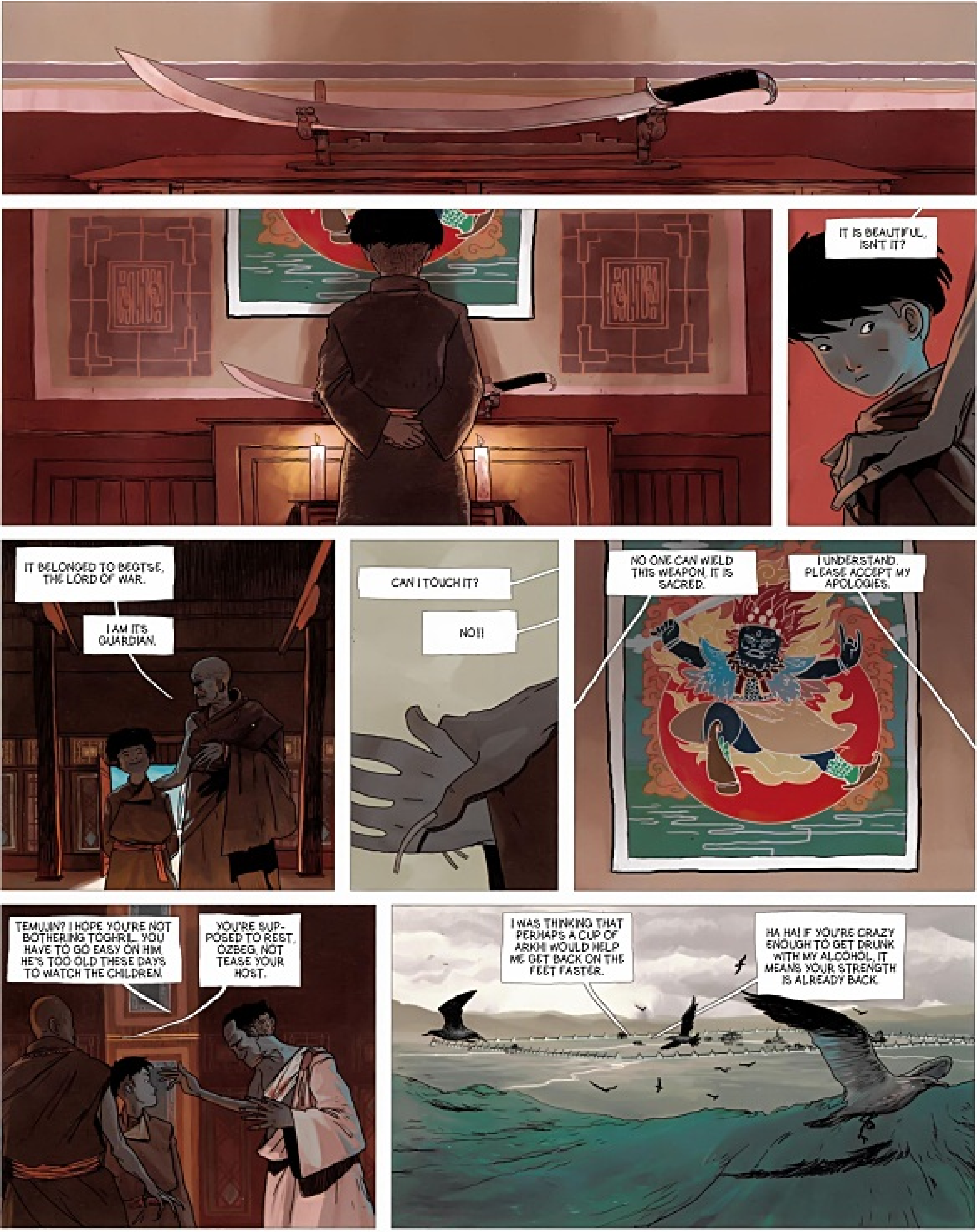


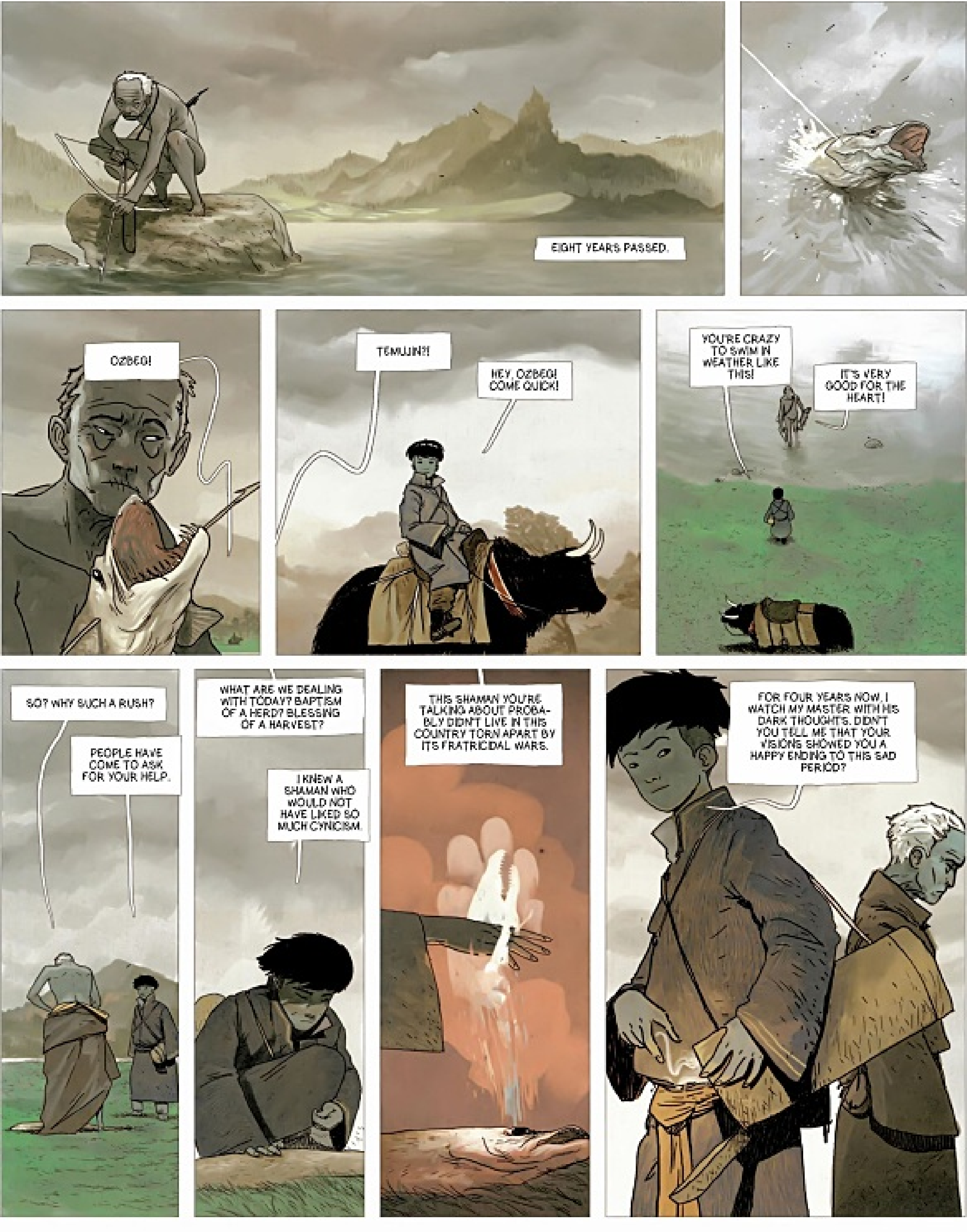

ÖZBEG! ARE YOU OKAY?
I'VE SEEN BETTER DAYS.
LET ME SEE!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO KILL A BLOODTHIRSTY BEAR, YOU THINK YOU'RE A MEDICINE MAN TOO.
JUST HELP ME STAND UP. I HAVE AN OINTMENT IN MY BAG THAT WILL DO THE TRICK.
AND WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THE EXORCISM?
I BELIEVE THERE WAS NO DEMON... APART FROM THAT BEAR. WE HAVE BEEN DECEIVED.
YOUR CLIENT WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN...
I WANT NONE OF THIS! I TEACH YOU WHAT IS RIGHT, AND PICKING A FIGHT IS NOT.
THAT'S STUPID! ALLOWING OTHERS TO WALK ALL OVER YOU IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS!
YOU ARE TOO IMPULSIVE AND DIRECT. I BELIEVE IT'S BETTER TO MAINTAIN YOUR POSITION.
I AM A SHAMAN AND I CAME HERE TO PURIFY THE PLACE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE FAR TOO INFECTED FOR ME TO SAVE THE WALLS...
...I MADE THE WISEST DECISION SO THAT EVIL WOULD NOT SPREAD. WE HAD TO BURN DOWN THE HOUSE.
WITH A BIT OF LUCK, THE CLIENT WILL STILL FEEL OBLIGED TO PAY.

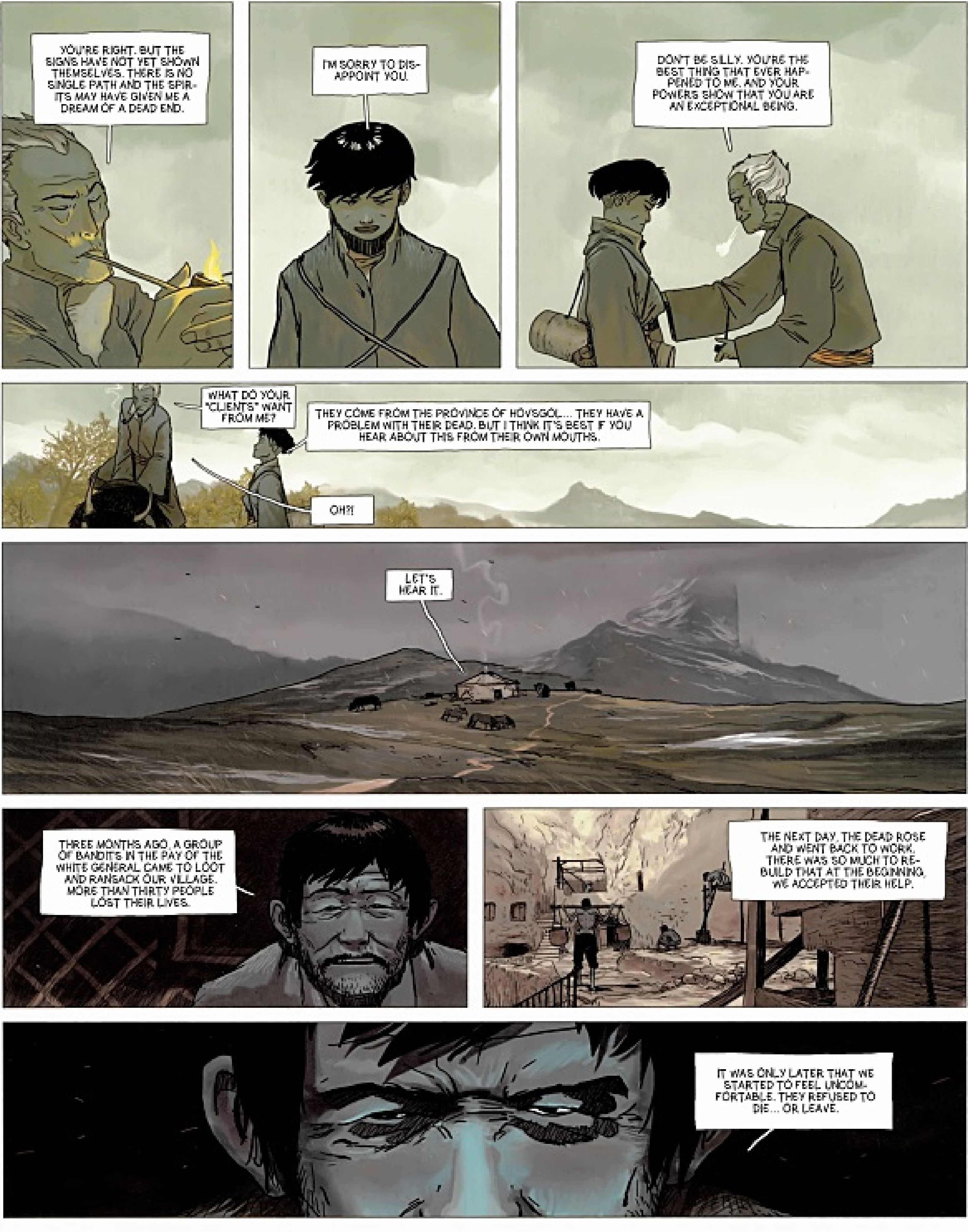

ÖZBEG, TELL ME A STORY.
I'D RATHER TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY. HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?
ÖZBEG, TELL ME A STORY.
I WILL TELL YOU IF YOU ANSWER MY QUESTIONS. YOU'RE GETTING OLDER NOW, AND I NEED TO KNOW…
PFFF… ALL RIGHT.
WHEN THE BEAR APPEARED, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, I WAS AFRAID. AND THEN IT CAME TO ME AS THE ONLY THING TO DO.
BUT DO YOU ACTUALLY TALK TO SPIRITS? DID YOU SUMMON THEM?
NO, IT'S MORE LIKE THEY WERE IN ME… OR PART OF ME. I WAS THINKING OF A MOVEMENT AND THEY EXECUTED IT.
DO YOU FEEL THEM IN YOU ALL THE TIME?
NO, ONLY WHEN I NEED THEM.
AT NIGHT?
WHEN I GO TO BED AND IF I HAVE TROUBLE SLEEPING, YES, THEY COMFORT ME.
HMM… SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU BETTER GET SOME SLEEP.
WHAT ABOUT THE STORY?
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN.

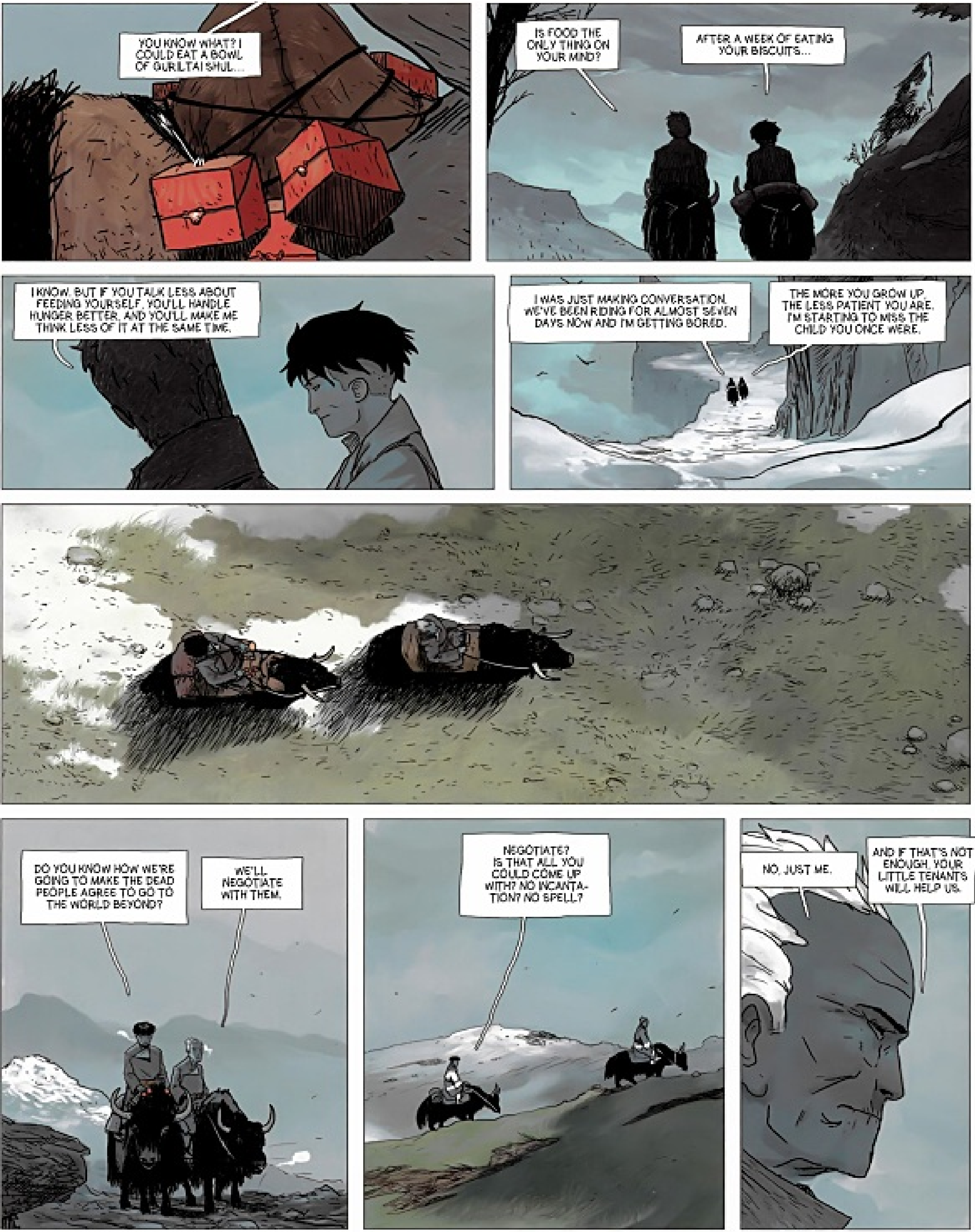

A LONG TIME AGO, MONGOLIA WAS STRUCK BY THE BLACK PLAGUE. A CHILD NAMED TARVAA BECAME RAPIDLY ILL. DURING THE NIGHT, HE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS. HIS PARENTS, CONVINCED THAT HE WAS DEAD, BROUGHT HIS BODY OUT OF THE HOUSE TO RED RID OF IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
UPON SEEING THIS, THE CHILD'S SOUL GOT SCARED AND FLEW TOWARDS THE KINGDOM OF THE SPIRITS. THE JUDGE OF THE DEAD, WHO WAS NOT EXPECTING TO SEE HIM SO SOON, ASKED HIM WHY HE CAME SO QUICKLY. TARVAA EXPLAINED.
THE JUDGE OF THE DEAD TOLD HIM THAT HIS TIME HAD NOT YET COME AND THAT HE HAD TO RETURN TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING. TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS COURAGE, THE JUDGE WANTED TO GIVE HIM A GIFT.
HE ASKED THE CHILD WHAT HE WANTED TO BRING TO THE OTHER WORLD, TO WHICH TARVAA, WHO WANTED NEITHER GLORY NOR WEALTH, ANSWERED "THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD BEYOND."
THE WAY BACK WAS LONG AND TEDIOUS. THE SOUL OF THE YOUNG BOY WANDERED IN SEARCH OF WHAT WAS THEN HIS REMAINS. WHEN HE FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN RETURNING TO HIS BODY, HE DISCOVERED THAT CROWS HAD EATEN HIS EYES.
TARVAA LIVED FOR A LONG TIME. BLIND, HE COULD SEE THE FUTURE THANKS TO THE GIFT HE HAD RECEIVED IN THE WORLD BEYOND. HE USED IT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF MONGOLIA AND BECAME THE FIRST OF ALL SHAMANS.

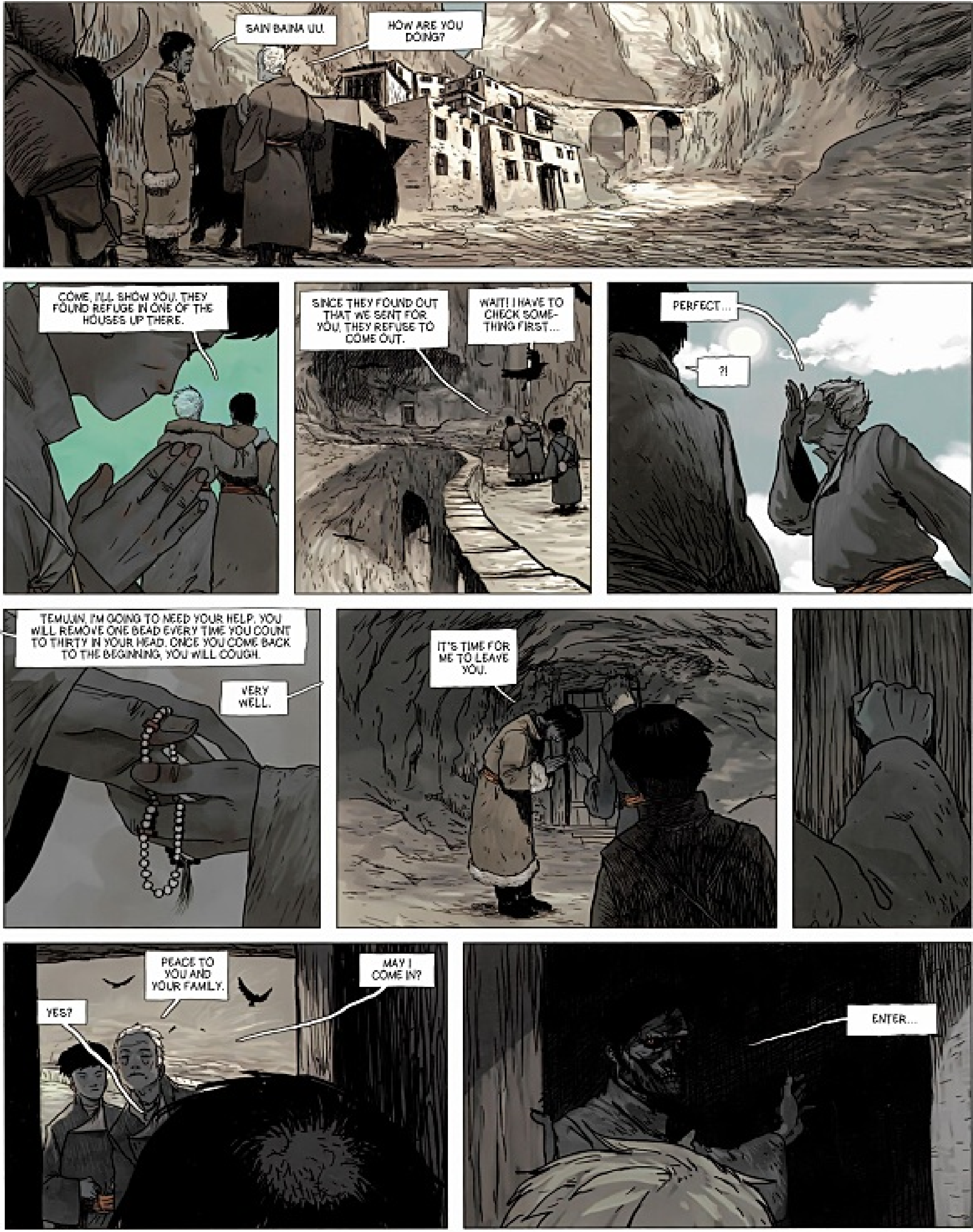

OZBEG, ARE YOU OKAY?
BETTER, MUCH BETTER. I ASKED THE SPIRIT OF TACHI TO HELP ME HEAL.
TOMORROW, WE SHALL REST AT THE HOUSE OF MY FRIEND TOGHRIL...

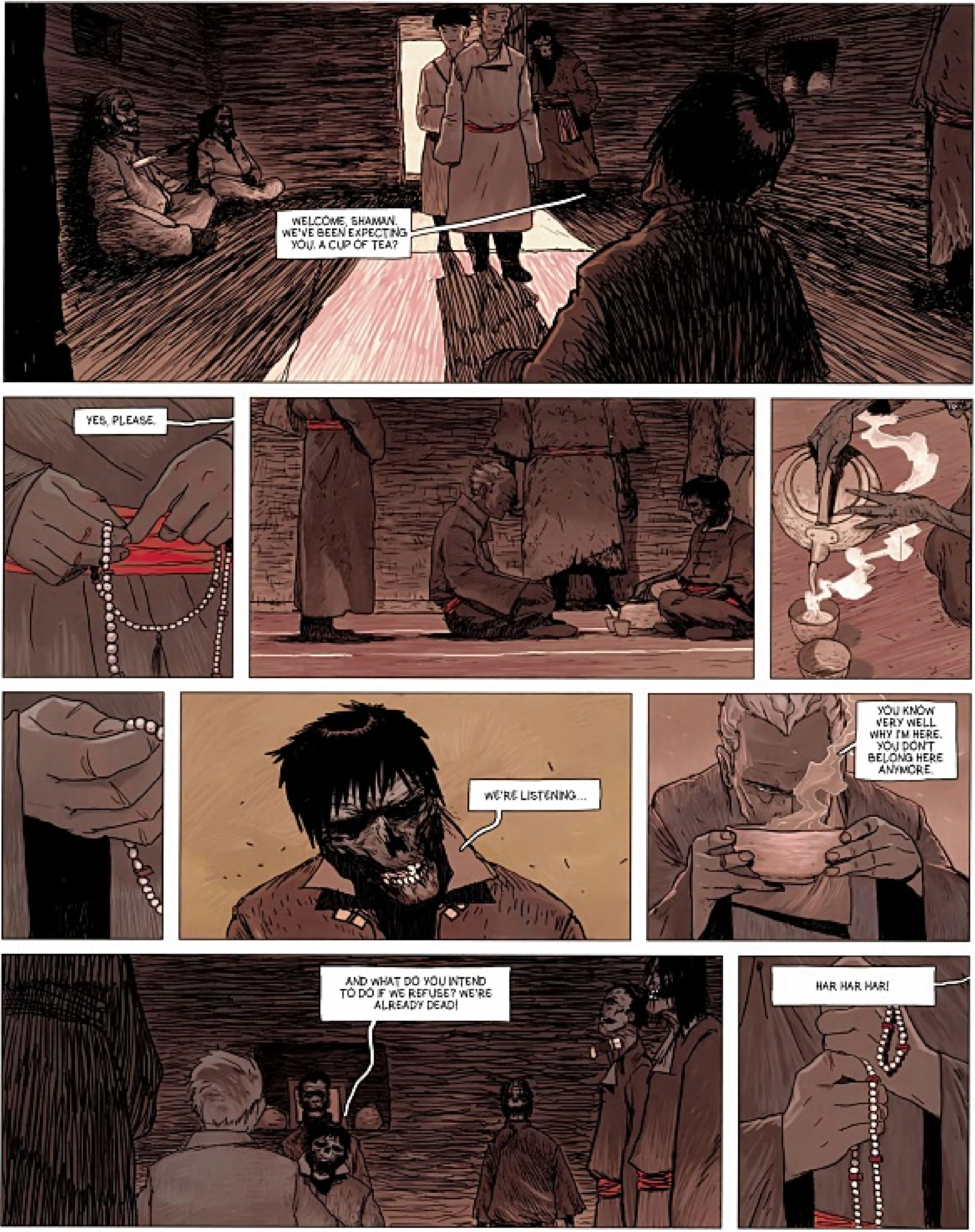

IT IS BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
IT BELONGED TO BEGTSE, THE LORD OF WAR.
I AM IT'S GUARDIAN.
CAN I TOUCH IT?
NO!!
NO ONE CAN WIELD THIS WEAPON, IT IS SACRED.
I UNDERSTAND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES.
TEMUJIN? I HOPE YOU'RE NOT BOTHERING TOGHRIL. YOU HAVE TO GO EASY ON HIM, HE'S TOO OLD THESE DAYS TO WATCH THE CHILDREN.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO REST, ÖZBEG, NOT TEASE YOUR HOST.
I WAS THINKING THAT PERHAPS A CUP OF ARKHI WOULD HELP ME GET BACK ON THE FEET FASTER.
HA HA! IF YOU'RE CRAZY ENOUGH TO GET DRUNK WITH MY ALCOHOL, IT MEANS YOUR STRENGTH IS ALREADY BACK.

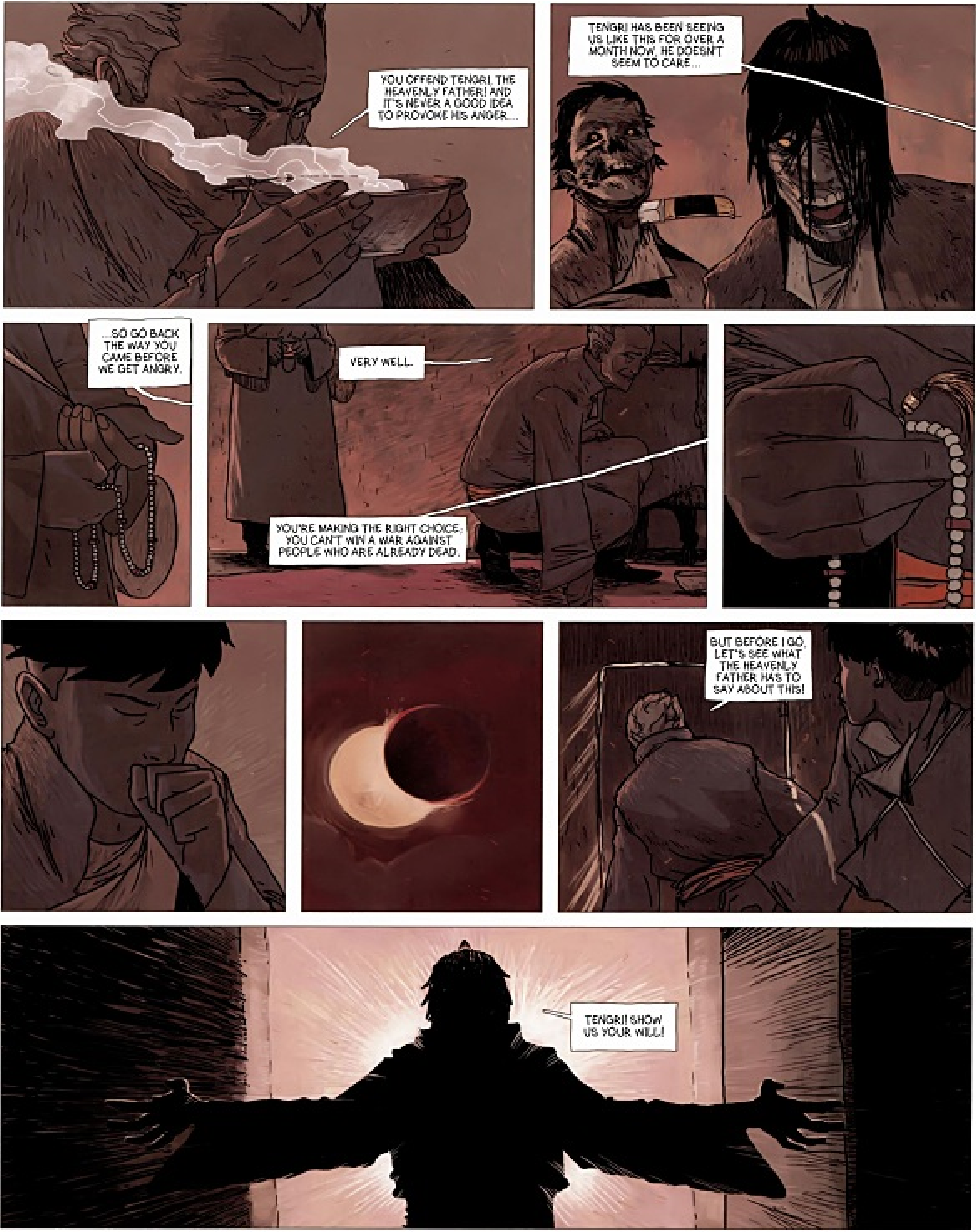

EIGHT YEARS PASSED.
OZBEG!
TEMUJIN?!
HEY, OZBEG! COME QUICK!
YOU'RE CRAZY TO SWIM IN WEATHER LIKE THIS!
IT'S VERY GOOD FOR THE HEART!
SO? WHY SUCH A RUSH?
PEOPLE HAVE COME TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH TODAY? BAPTISM OF A HERD? BLESSING OF A HARVEST?
I KNEW A SHAMAN WHO WOULD NOT HAVE LIKED SO MUCH CYNICISM.
THIS SHAMAN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PROBABLY DIDN'T LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY TORN APART BY ITS FRATRICIDAL WARS.
FOR FOUR YEARS NOW, I WATCH MY MASTER WITH HIS DARK THOUGHTS. DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOUR VISIONS SHOWED YOU A HAPPY ENDING TO THIS SAD PERIOD?

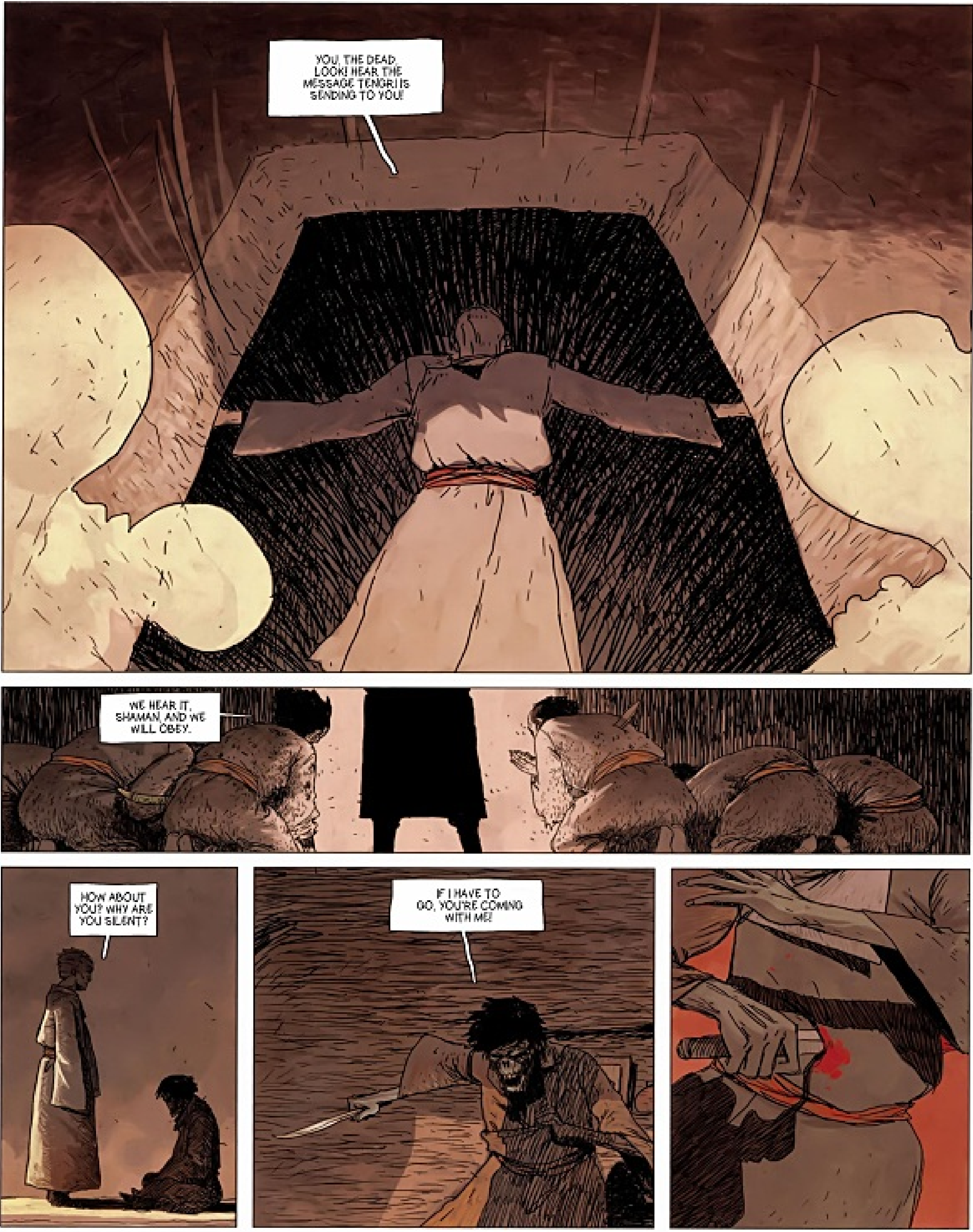

YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT THE SIGNS HAVE NOT YET SHOWN THEMSELVES. THERE IS NO SINGLE PATH AND THE SPIRITS MAY HAVE GIVEN ME A DREAM OF A DEAD END.
I'M SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU.
DON'T BE SILLY. YOU'RE THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME. AND YOUR POWERS SHOW THAT YOU ARE AN EXCEPTIONAL BEING.
WHAT DO YOUR "CLIENTS" WANT FROM ME?
THEY COME FROM THE PROVINCE OF HÖVSGÖL... THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THEIR DEAD. BUT I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS FROM THEIR OWN MOUTHS.
OH?!
LET'S HEAR IT.
THREE MONTHS AGO, A GROUP OF BANDITS IN THE PAY OF THE WHITE GENERAL CAME TO LOOT AND RANSACK OUR VILLAGE. MORE THAN THIRTY PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES.
THE NEXT DAY, THE DEAD ROSE AND WENT BACK TO WORK. THERE WAS SO MUCH TO REBUILD THAT AT THE BEGINNING, WE ACCEPTED THEIR HELP.
IT WAS ONLY LATER THAT WE STARTED TO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE. THEY REFUSED TO DIE... OR LEAVE.

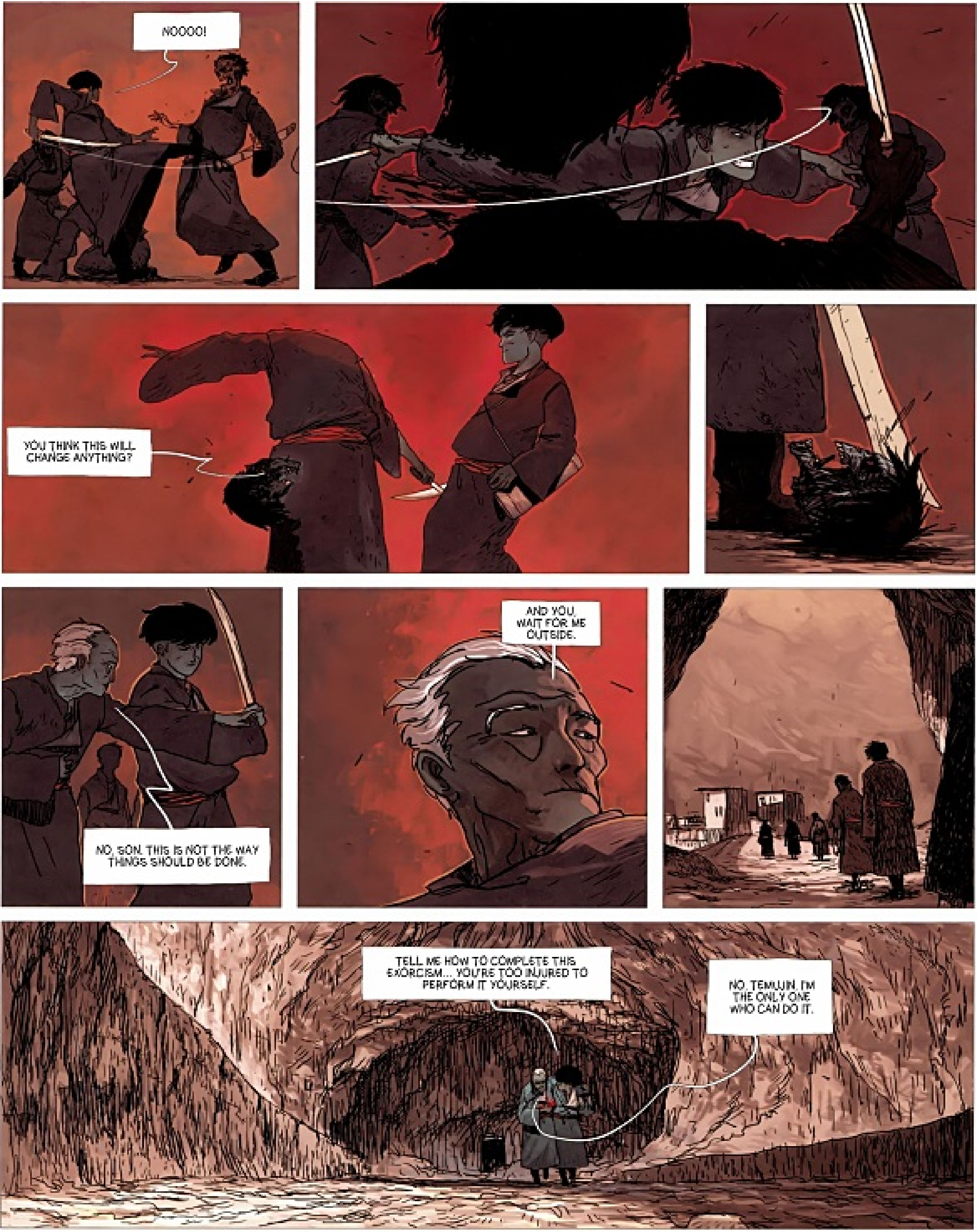

YOU KNOW WHAT? I COULD EAT A BOWL OF GURILTAI SHUL...
IS FOOD THE ONLY THING ON YOUR MIND?
AFTER A WEEK OF EATING YOUR BISCUITS...
I KNOW. BUT IF YOU TALK LESS ABOUT FEEDING YOURSELF, YOU'LL HANDLE HUNGER BETTER. AND YOU'LL MAKE ME THINK LESS OF IT AT THE SAME TIME.
I WAS JUST MAKING CONVERSATION. WE'VE BEEN RIDING FOR ALMOST SEVEN DAYS NOW AND I'M GETTING BORED.
THE MORE YOU GROW UP, THE LESS PATIENT YOU ARE. I'M STARTING TO MISS THE CHILD YOU ONCE WERE.
DO YOU KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE DEAD PEOPLE AGREE TO GO TO THE WORLD BEYOND?
WE'LL NEGOTIATE WITH THEM.
NEGOTIATE? IS THAT ALL YOU COULD COME UP WITH? NO INCANTATION? NO SPELL?
NO, JUST ME.
AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, YOUR LITTLE TENANTS WILL HELP US.

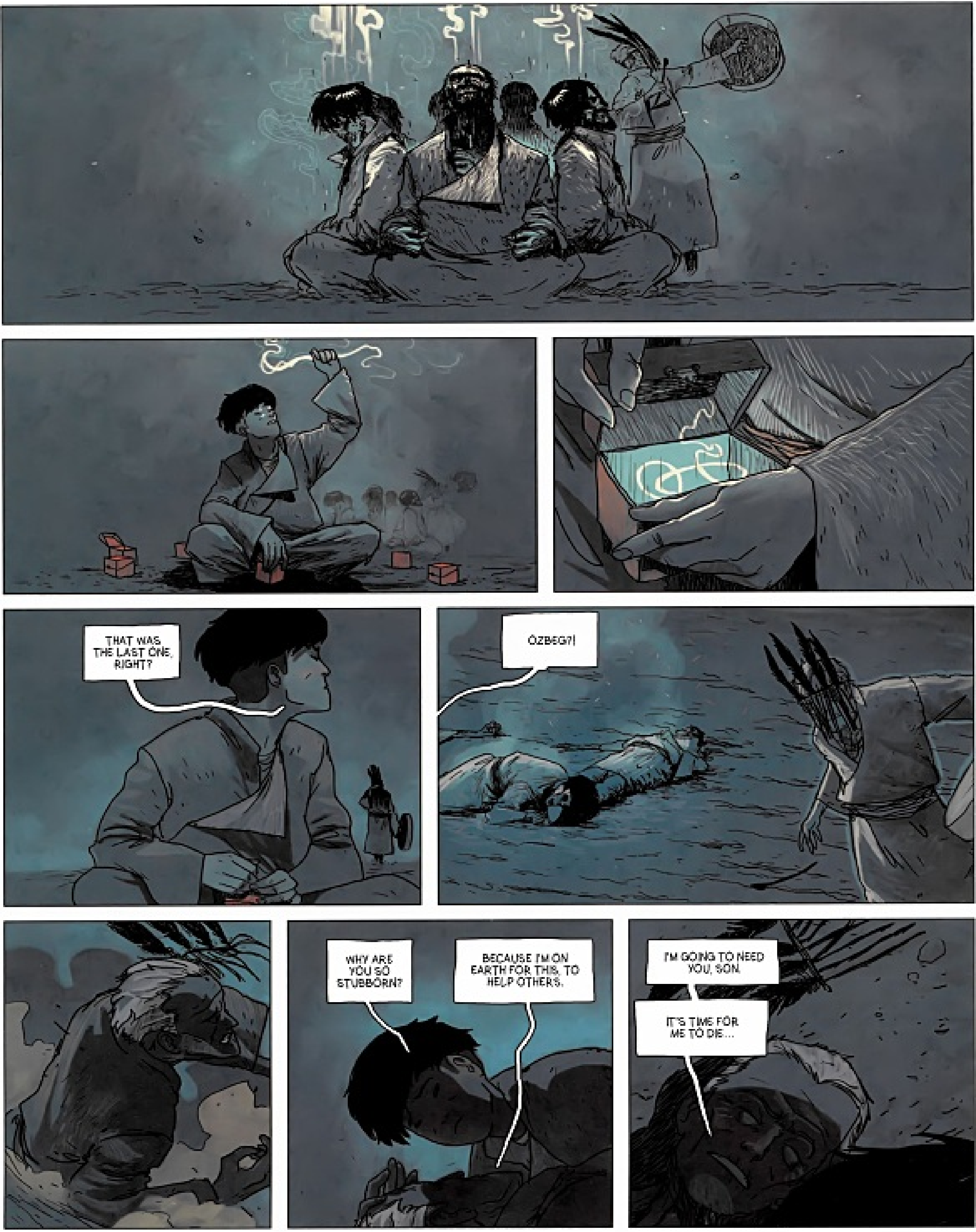

SAIN BAINA UU.
HOW ARE YOU DOING?
COME, I'LL SHOW YOU. THEY FOUND REFUGE IN ONE OF THE HOUSES UP THERE.
SINCE THEY FOUND OUT THAT WE SENT FOR YOU, THEY REFUSE TO COME OUT.
WAIT! I HAVE TO CHECK SOMETHING FIRST...
PERFECT...
?!
TEMUJIN, I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP. YOU WILL REMOVE ONE BEAD EVERY TIME YOU COUNT TO THIRTY IN YOUR HEAD. ONCE YOU COME BACK TO THE BEGINNING, YOU WILL COUGH.
VERY WELL.
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO LEAVE YOU.
YES?
PEACE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
MAY I COME IN?
ENTER...

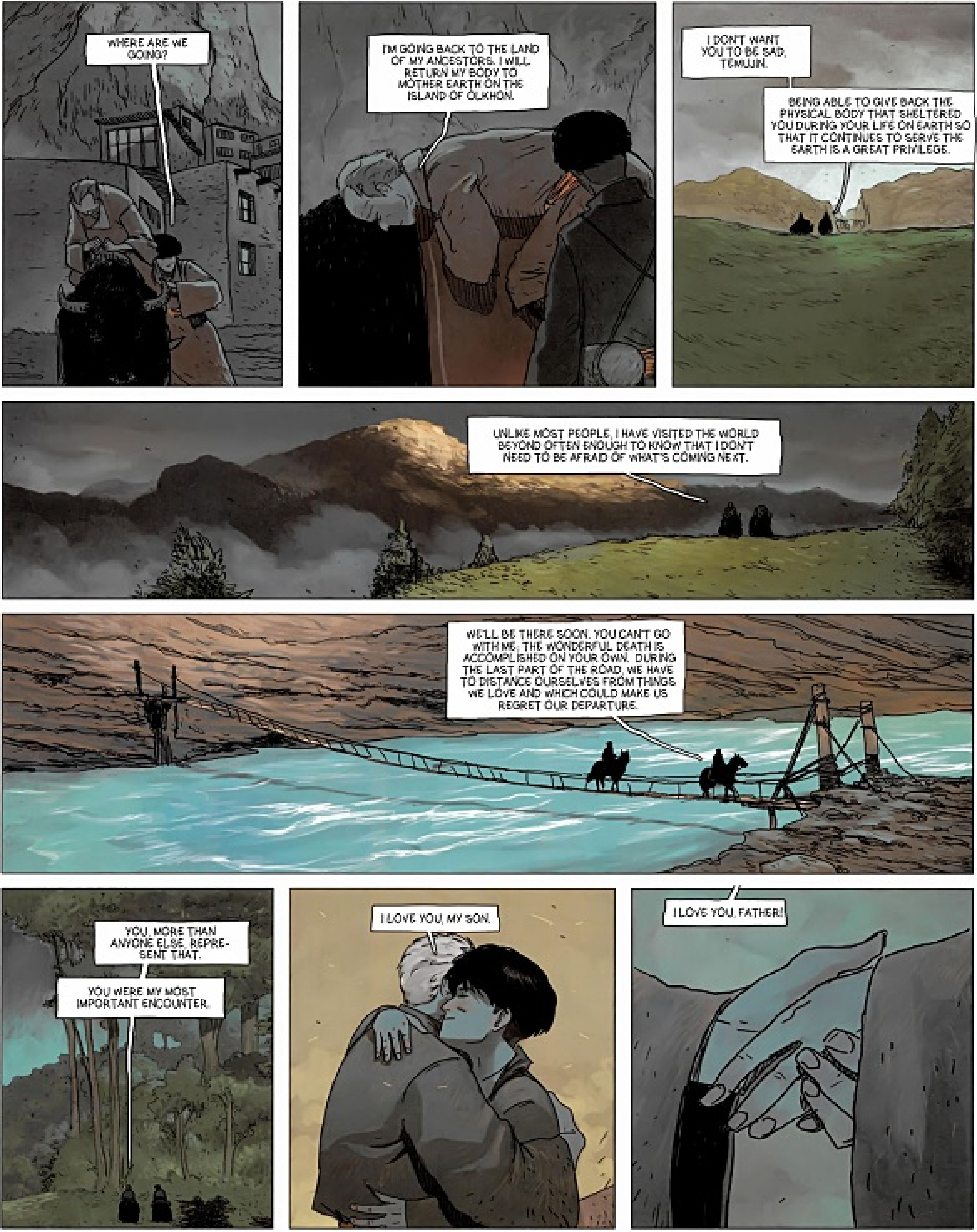

WELCOME, SHAMAN. WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU. A CUP OF TEA?
YES, PLEASE.
WE'RE LISTENING...
YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHY I'M HERE. YOU DON'T BELONG HERE ANYMORE.
AND WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO IF WE REFUSE? WE'RE ALREADY DEAD!
HAR HAR HAR!

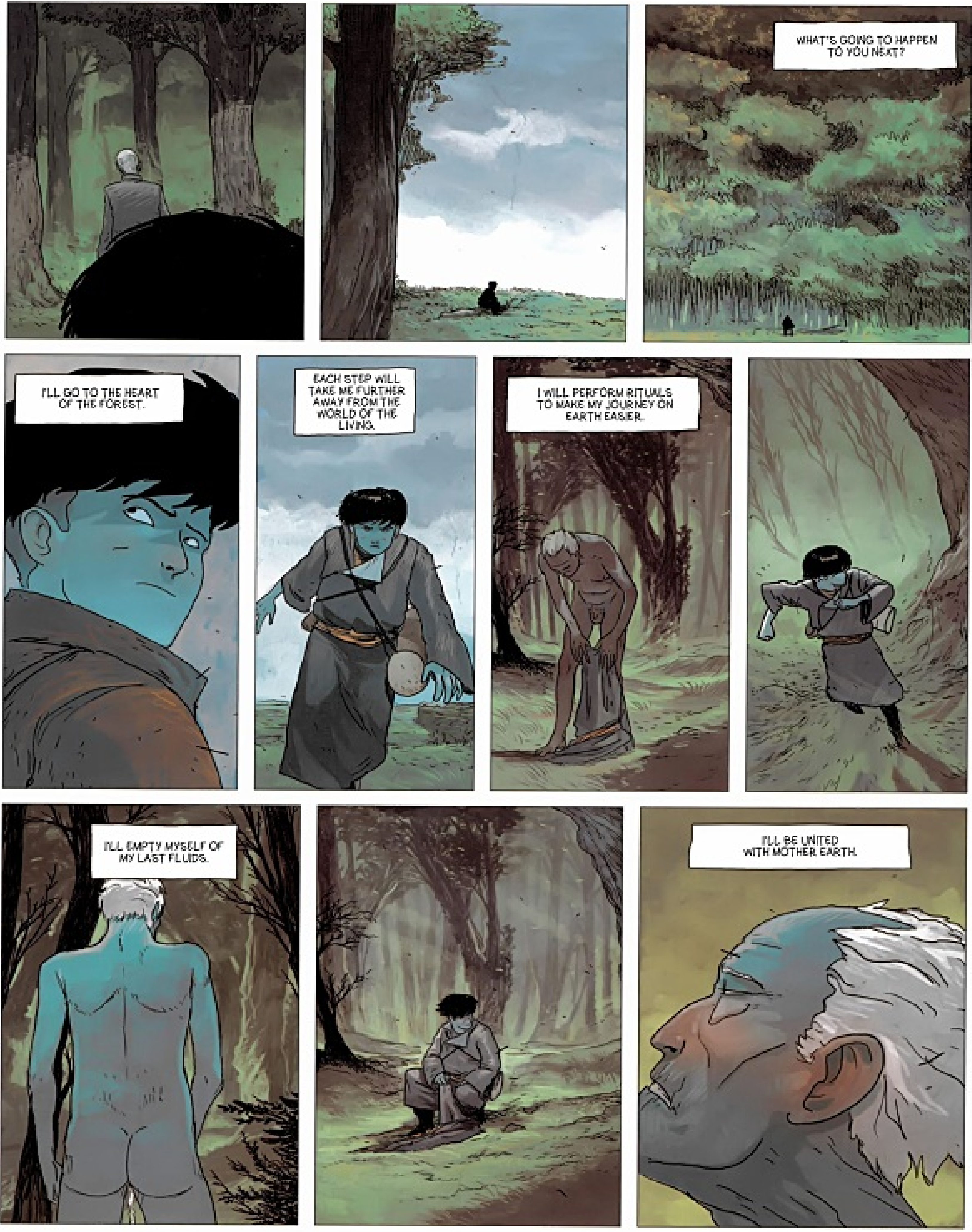

YOU OFFEND TENGRI, THE HEAVENLY FATHER! AND IT'S NEVER A GOOD IDEA TO PROVOKE HIS ANGER...
TENGRI HAS BEEN SEEING US LIKE THIS FOR OVER A MONTH NOW. HE DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE...
...SO GO BACK THE WAY YOU CAME BEFORE WE GET ANGRY.
VERY WELL.
YOU'RE MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE. YOU CAN'T WIN A WAR AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY DEAD.
BUT BEFORE I GO, LET'S SEE WHAT THE HEAVENLY FATHER HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS!
TENGRI! SHOW US YOUR WILL!

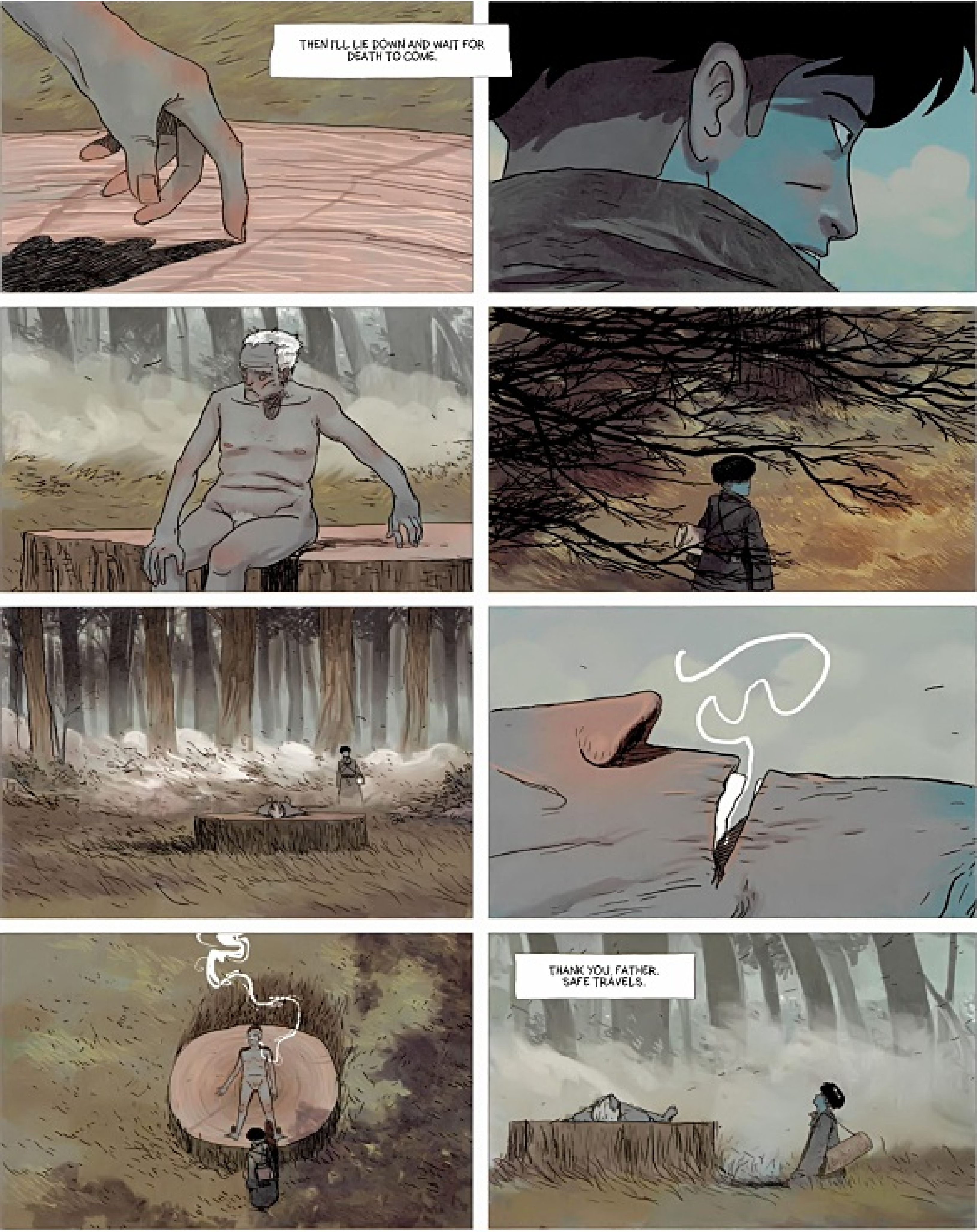

YOU, THE DEAD, LOOK! HEAR THE MESSAGE TENGRI IS SENDING TO YOU!
WE HEAR IT, SHAMAN, AND WE WILL OBEY.
HOW ABOUT YOU? WHY ARE YOU SILENT?
IF I HAVE TO GO, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

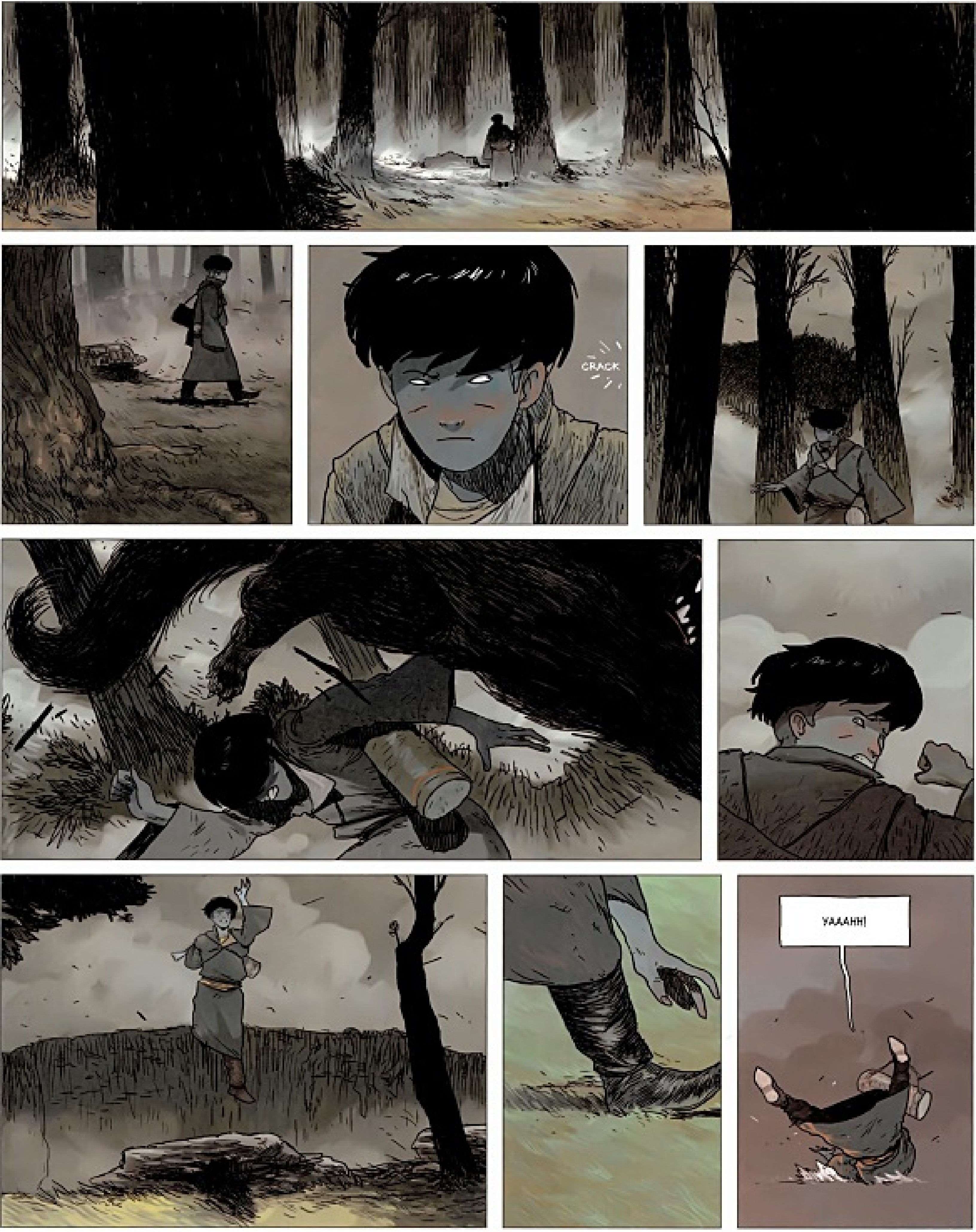

NOOOO!
YOU THINK THIS WILL CHANGE ANYTHING?
NO, SON. THIS IS NOT THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE DONE.
AND YOU, WAIT FOR ME OUTSIDE.
TELL ME HOW TO COMPLETE THIS EXORCISM... YOU'RE TOO INJURED TO PERFORM IT YOURSELF.
NO, TEMUJIN, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT.

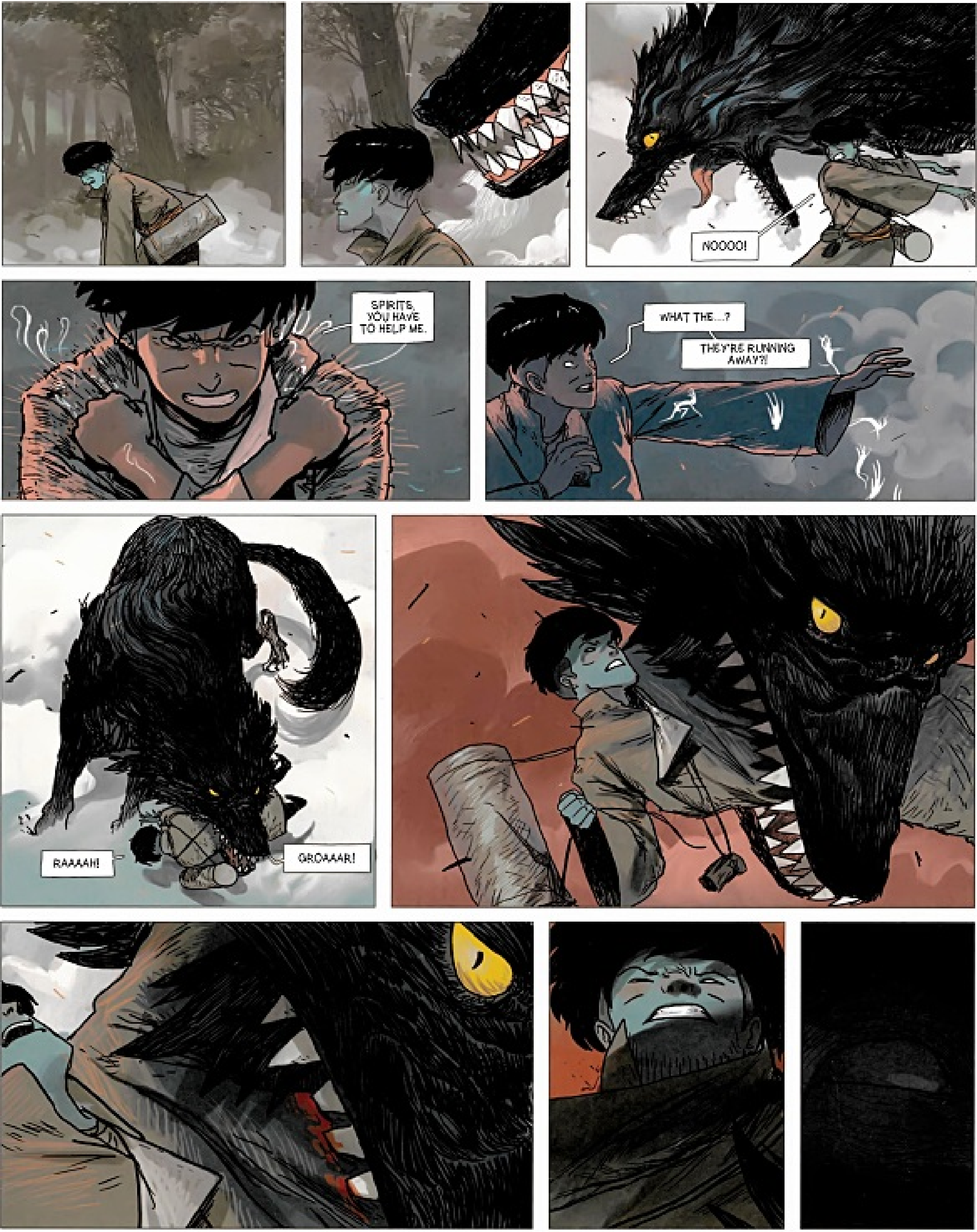

THAT WAS THE LAST ONE, RIGHT?
ÖZBEG?!
WHY ARE YOU SO STUBBORN?
BECAUSE I'M ON EARTH FOR THIS, TO HELP OTHERS.
I'M GOING TO NEED YOU, SON.
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO DIE...

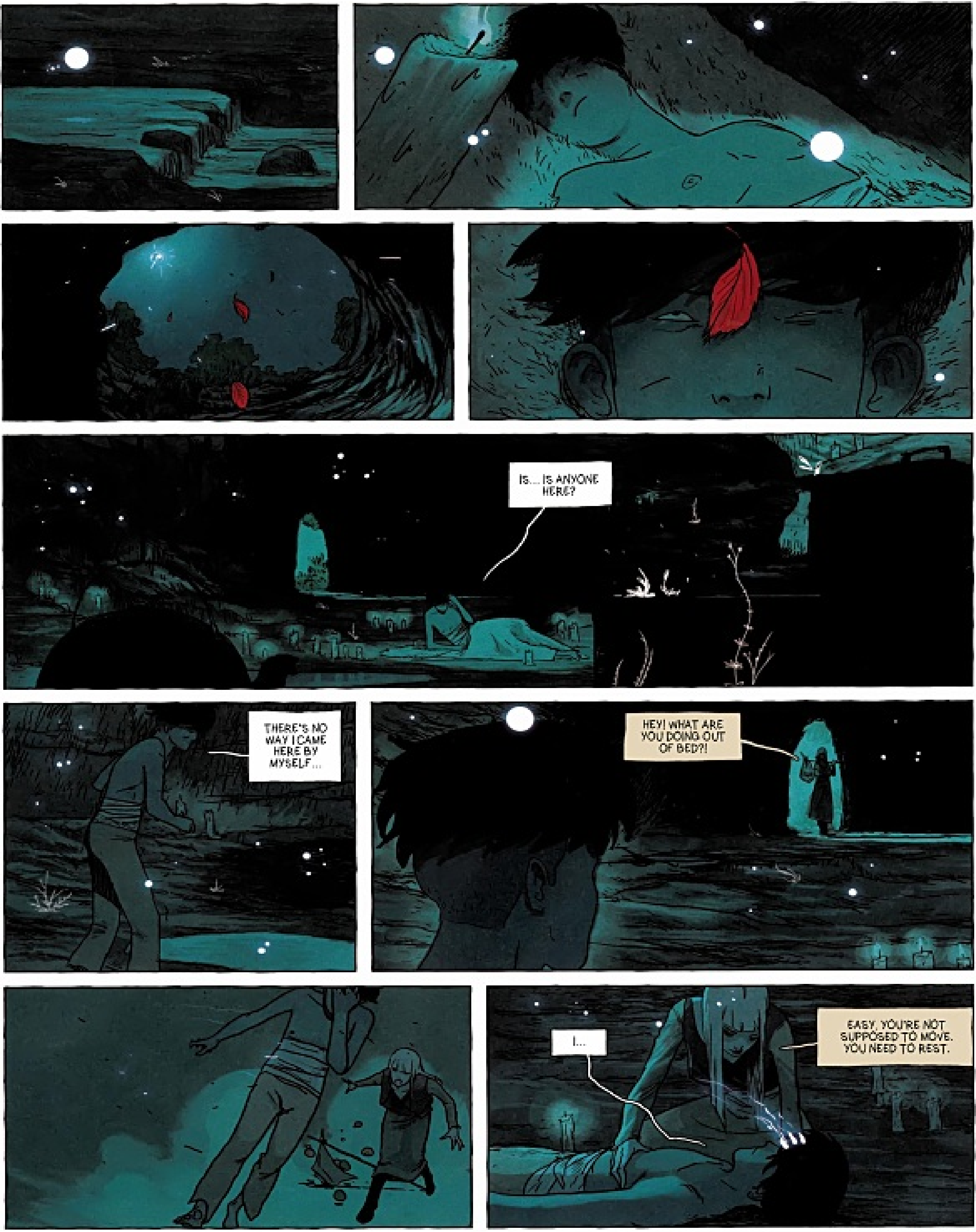

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I'M GOING BACK TO THE LAND OF MY ANCESTORS. I WILL RETURN MY BODY TO MOTHER EARTH ON THE ISLAND OF OLKHON.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE SAD, TEMUJIN.
BEING ABLE TO GIVE BACK THE PHYSICAL BODY THAT SHELTERED YOU DURING YOUR LIFE ON EARTH SO THAT IT CONTINUES TO SERVE THE EARTH IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE.
UNLIKE MOST PEOPLE, I HAVE VISITED THE WORLD BEYOND OFTEN ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT I DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID OF WHAT'S COMING NEXT.
WE'LL BE THERE SOON. YOU CAN'T GO WITH ME. THE WONDERFUL DEATH IS ACCOMPLISHED ON YOUR OWN. DURING THE LAST PART OF THE ROAD, WE HAVE TO DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM THINGS WE LOVE AND WHICH COULD MAKE US REGRET OUR DEPARTURE.
YOU, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, REPRESENT THAT.
YOU WERE MY MOST IMPORTANT ENCOUNTER.
I LOVE YOU, MY SON.
I LOVE YOU, FATHER!

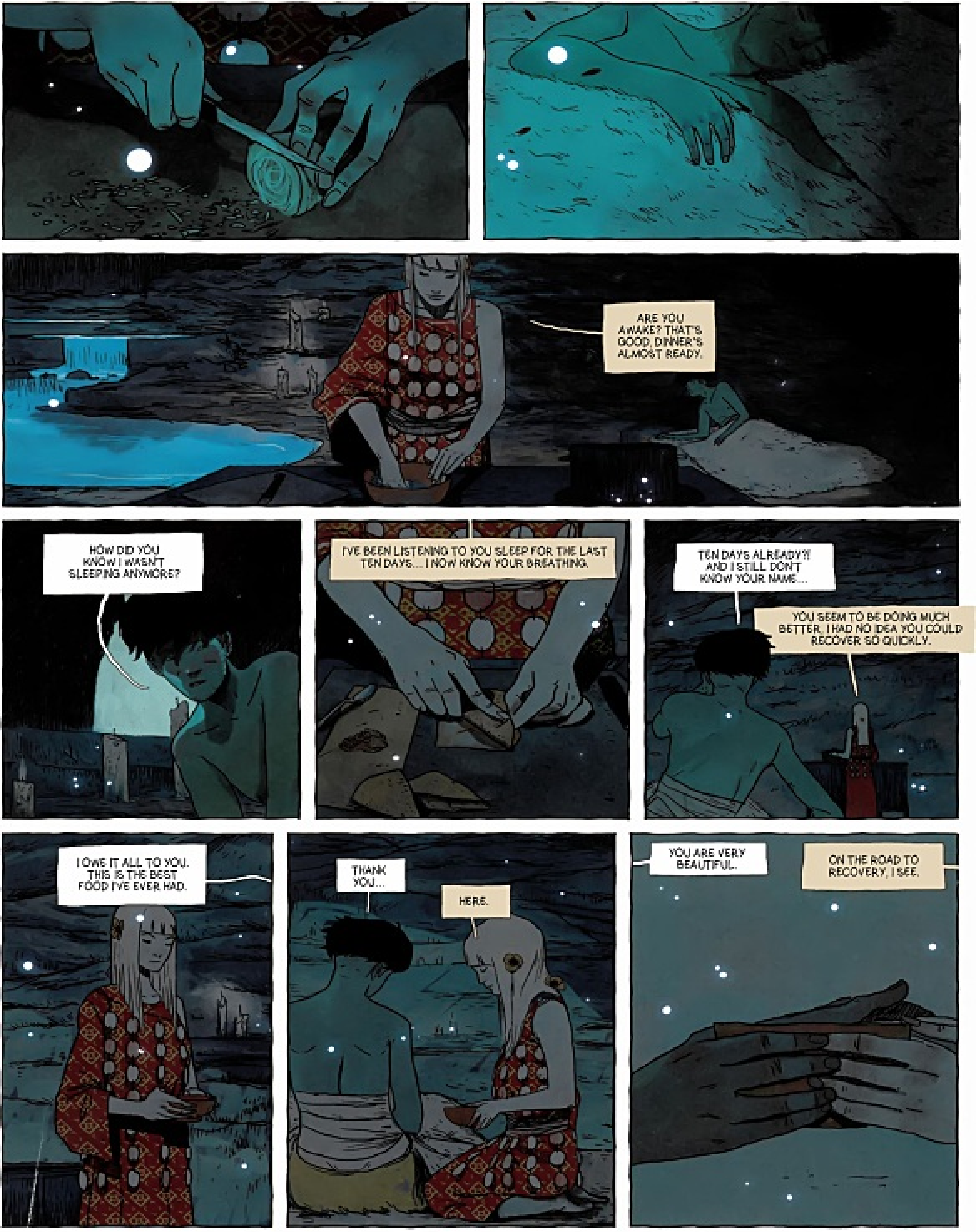

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU NEXT?
I'LL GO TO THE HEART OF THE FOREST.
EACH STEP WILL TAKE ME FURTHER AWAY FROM THE WORLD OF THE LIVING.
I WILL PERFORM RITUALS TO MAKE MY JOURNEY ON EARTH EASIER.
I'LL EMPTY MYSELF OF MY LAST FLUIDS.
I'LL BE UNITED WITH MOTHER EARTH.

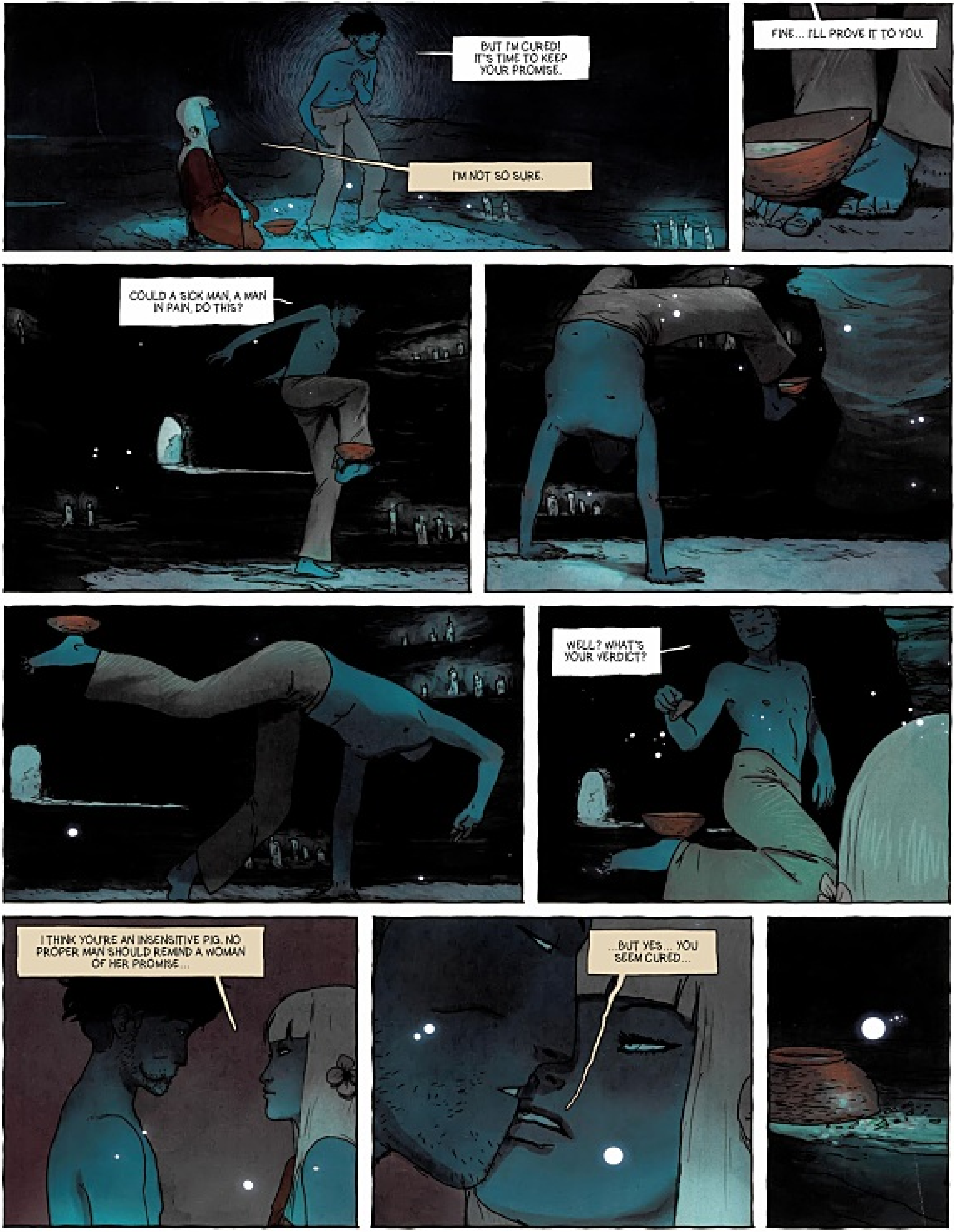

THEN I'LL LIE DOWN AND WAIT FOR DEATH TO COME.
THANK YOU, FATHER. SAFE TRAVELS.

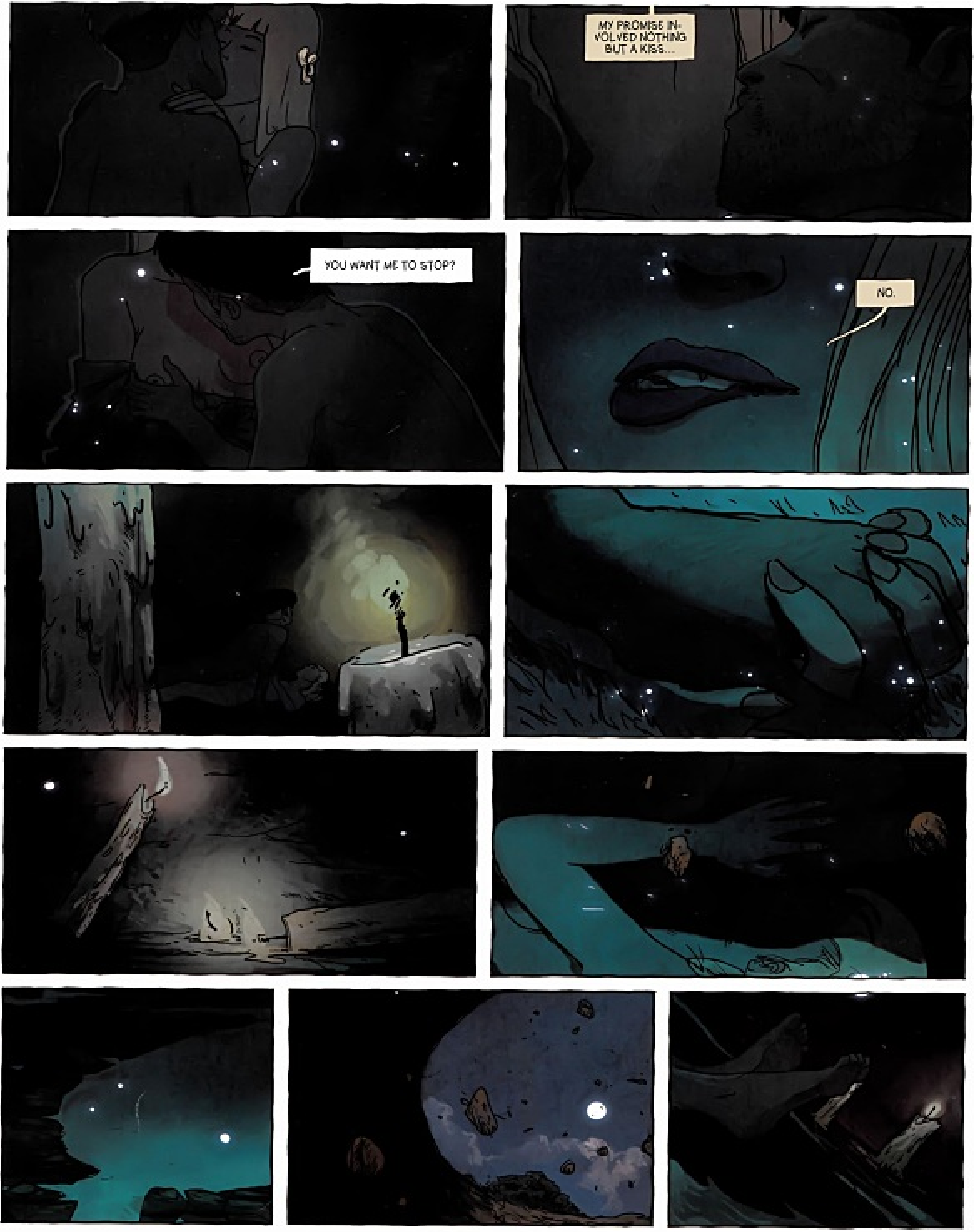

CRACK
YAAAHH!

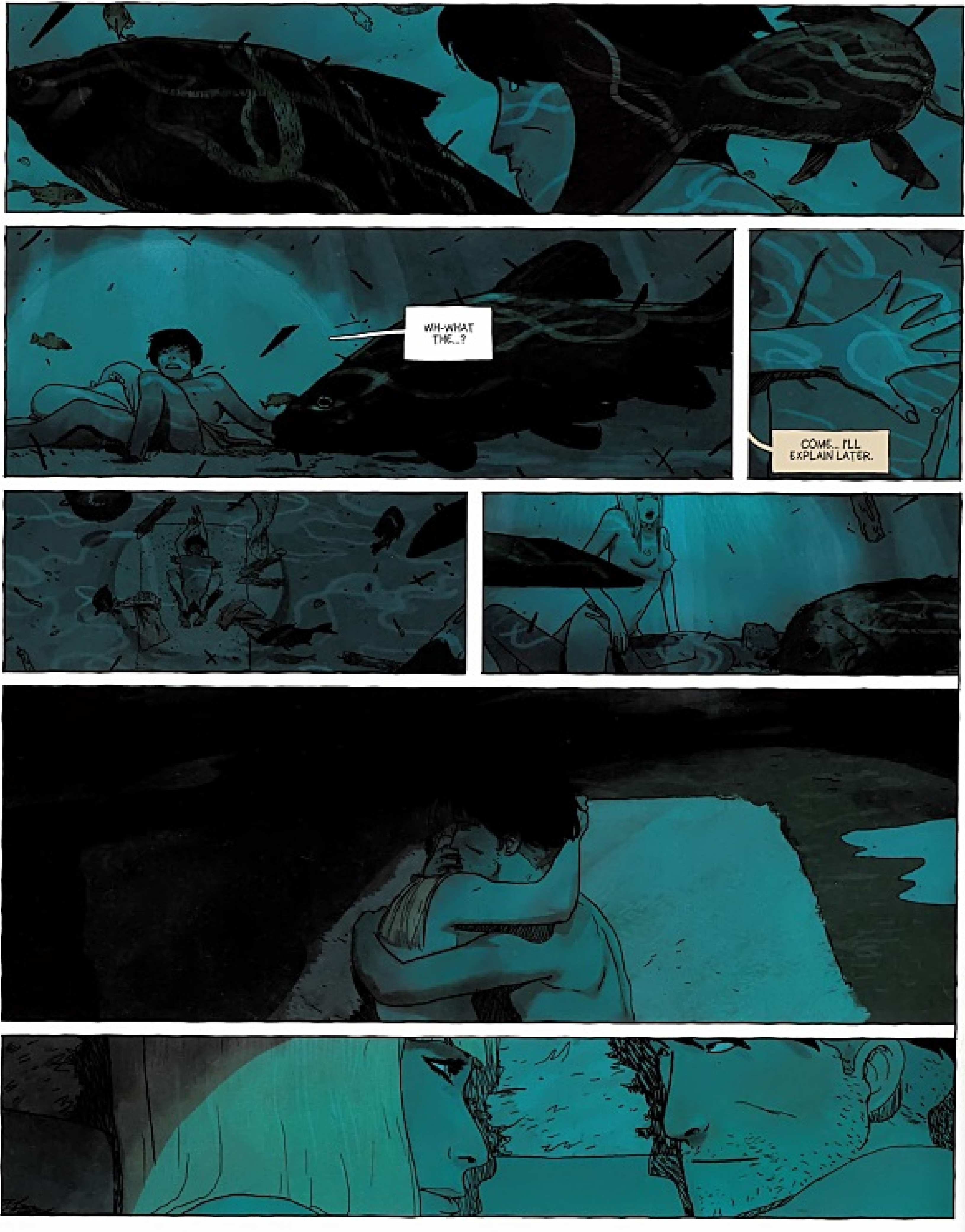

NOOOO!
SPIRITS, YOU HAVE TO HELP ME.
WHAT THE...?
THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY?!
RAAAAH!
GROAAAR!

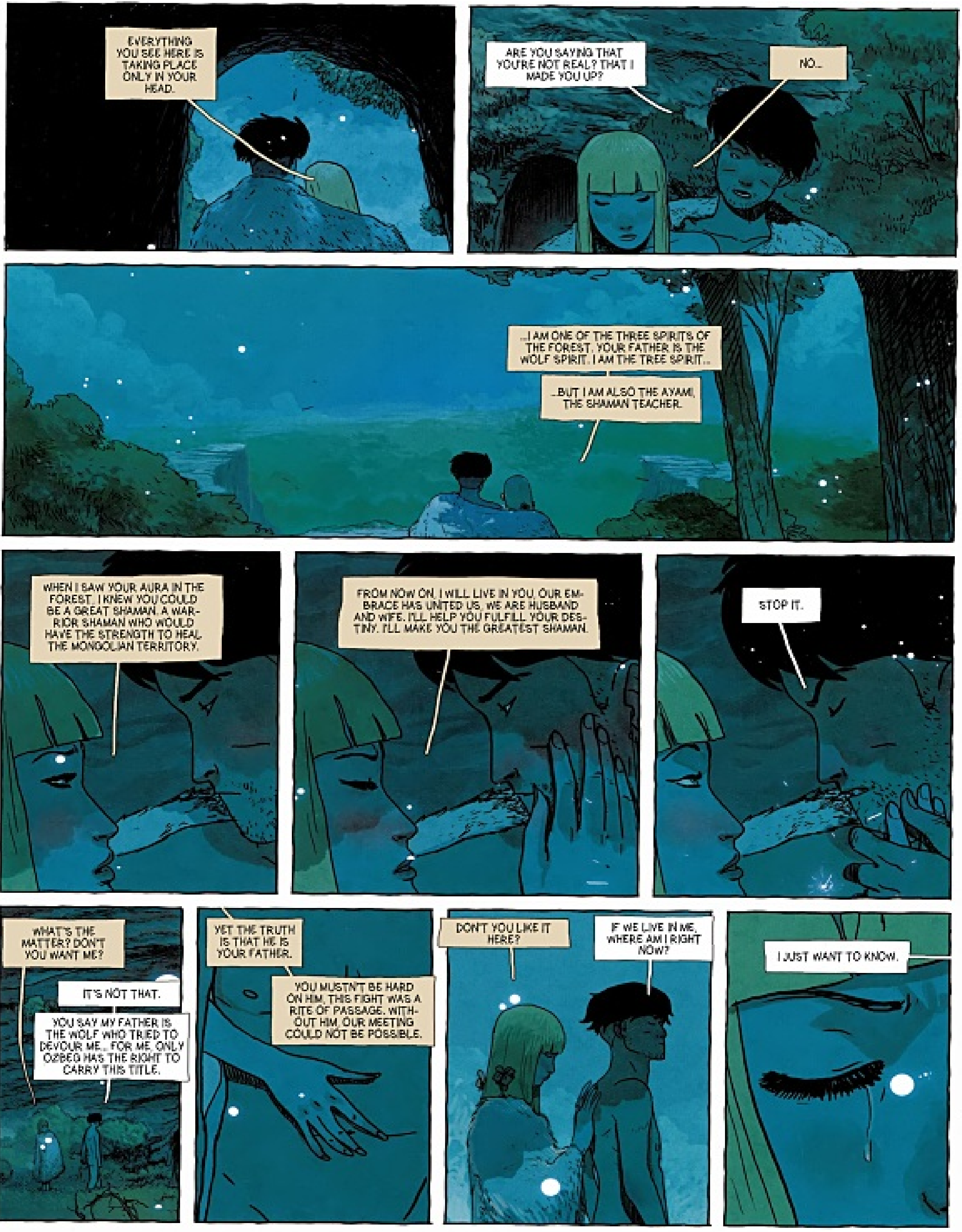

IS... IS ANYONE HERE?
THERE'S NO WAY I CAME HERE BY MYSELF...
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT OF BED?!
I...
EASY, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO MOVE. YOU NEED TO REST.

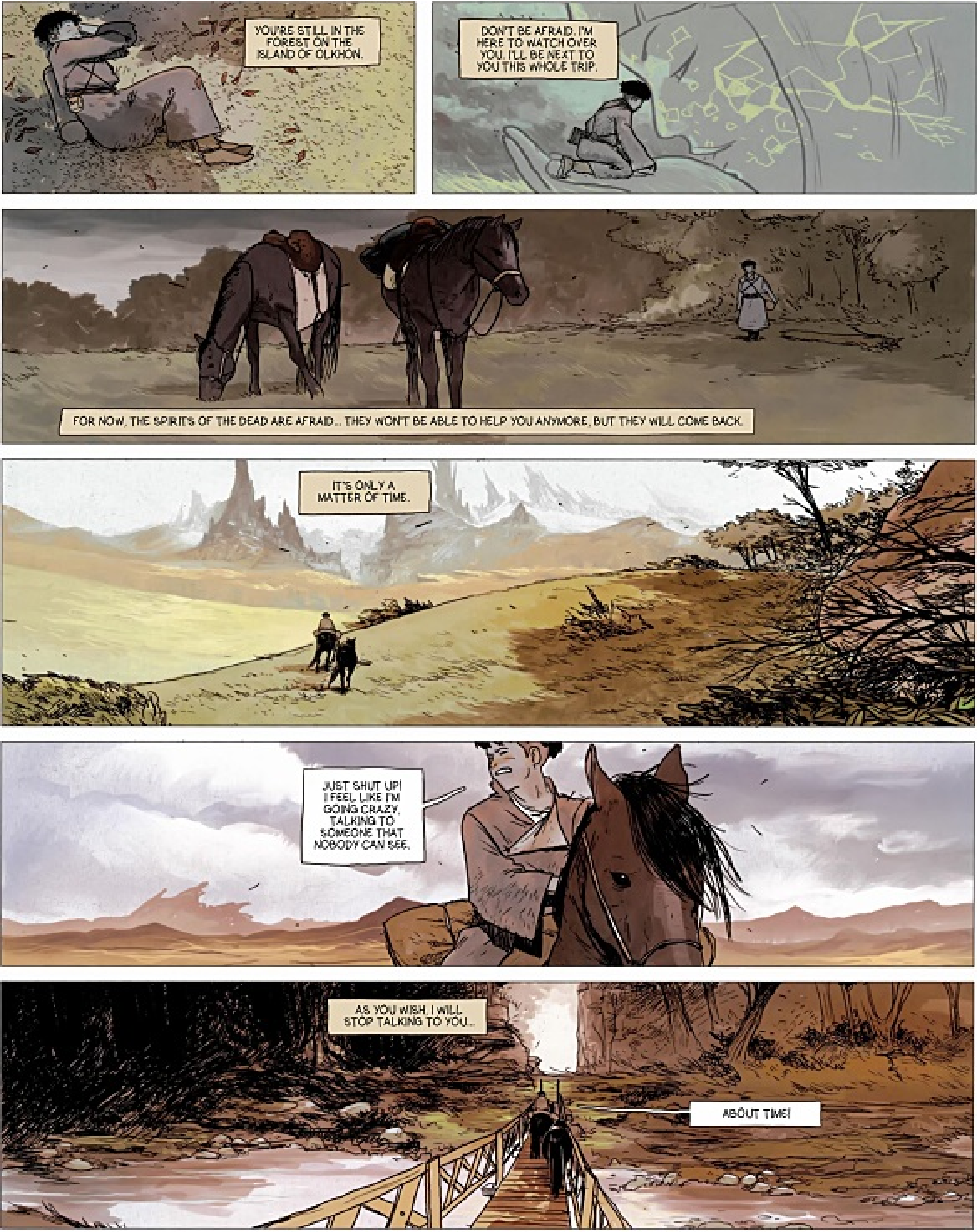

ARE YOU AWAKE? THAT'S GOOD. DINNER'S ALMOST READY.
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WASN'T SLEEPING ANYMORE?
I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOU SLEEP FOR THE LAST TEN DAYS... I NOW KNOW YOUR BREATHING.
TEN DAYS ALREADY?! AND I STILL DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME...
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING MUCH BETTER. I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD RECOVER SO QUICKLY.
I OWE IT ALL TO YOU. THIS IS THE BEST FOOD I'VE EVER HAD.
THANK YOU...
HERE.
YOU ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL.
ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY, I SEE.

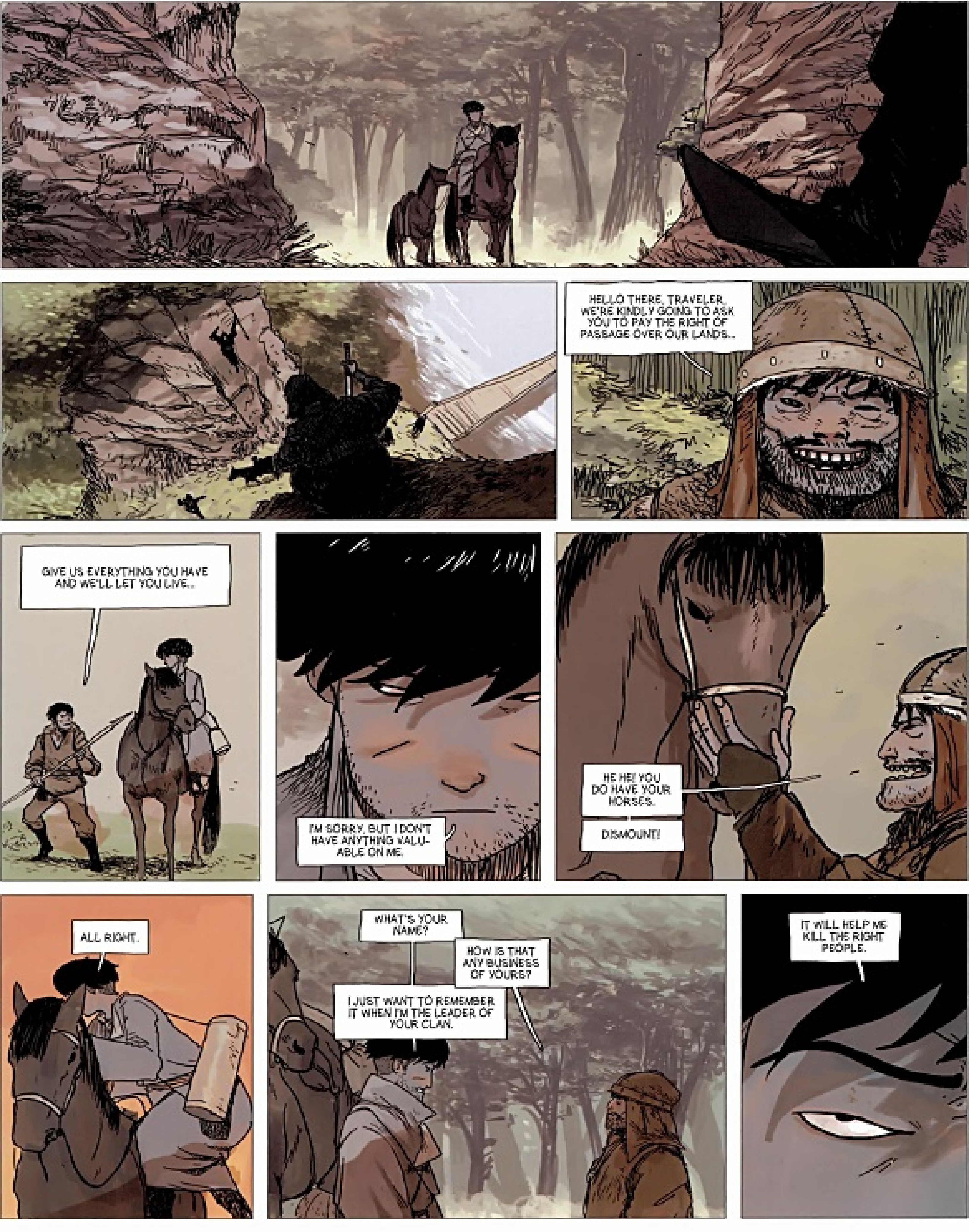

BUT I'M CURED! IT'S TIME TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE.
I'M NOT SO SURE.
FINE... I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU.
COULD A SICK MAN, A MAN IN PAIN, DO THIS?
WELL? WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT?
I THINK YOU'RE AN INSENSITIVE PIG. NO PROPER MAN SHOULD REMIND A WOMAN OF HER PROMISE...
...BUT YES... YOU SEEM CURED...

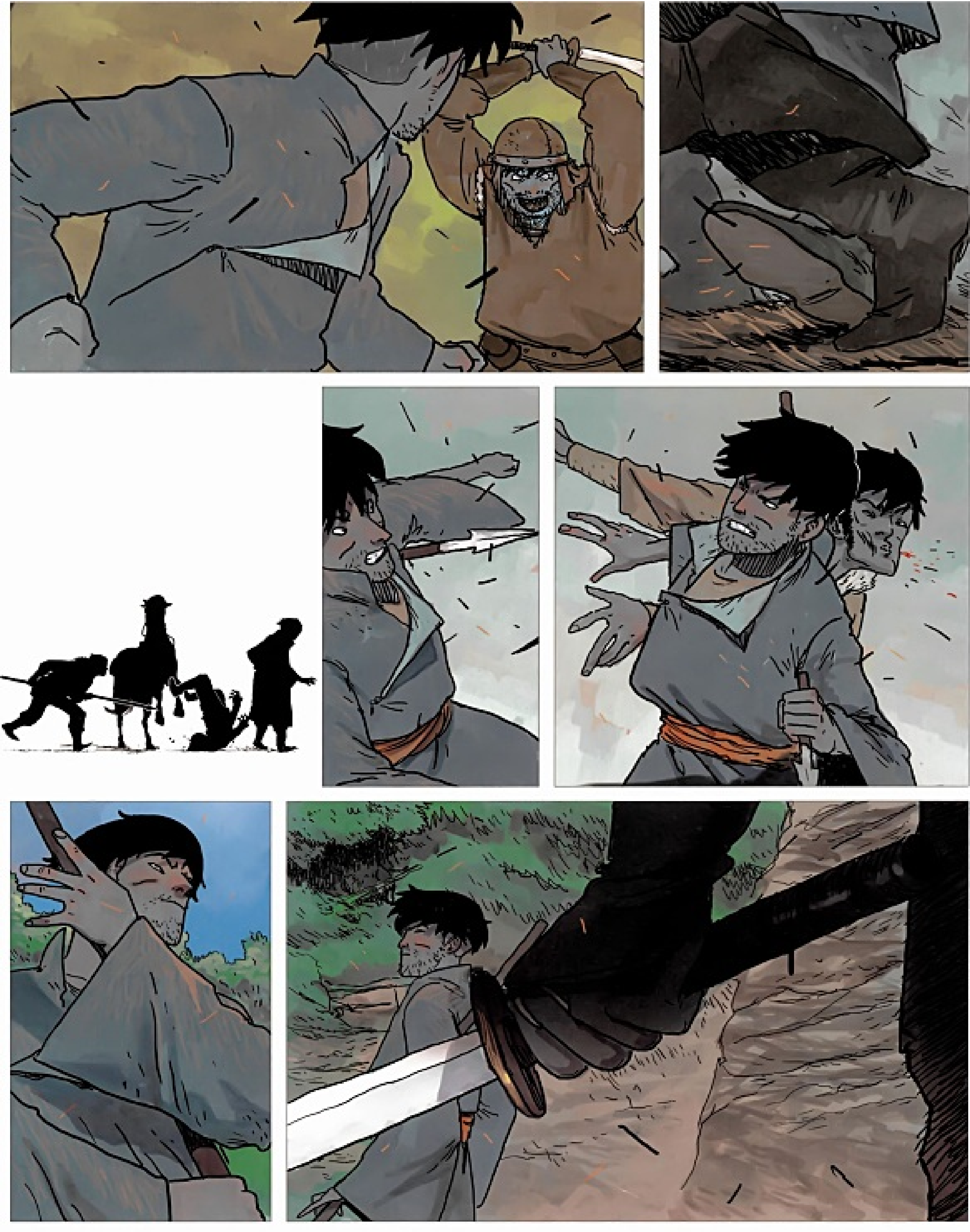

MY PROMISE INVOLVED NOTHING BUT A KISS...
YOU WANT ME TO STOP?
NO.

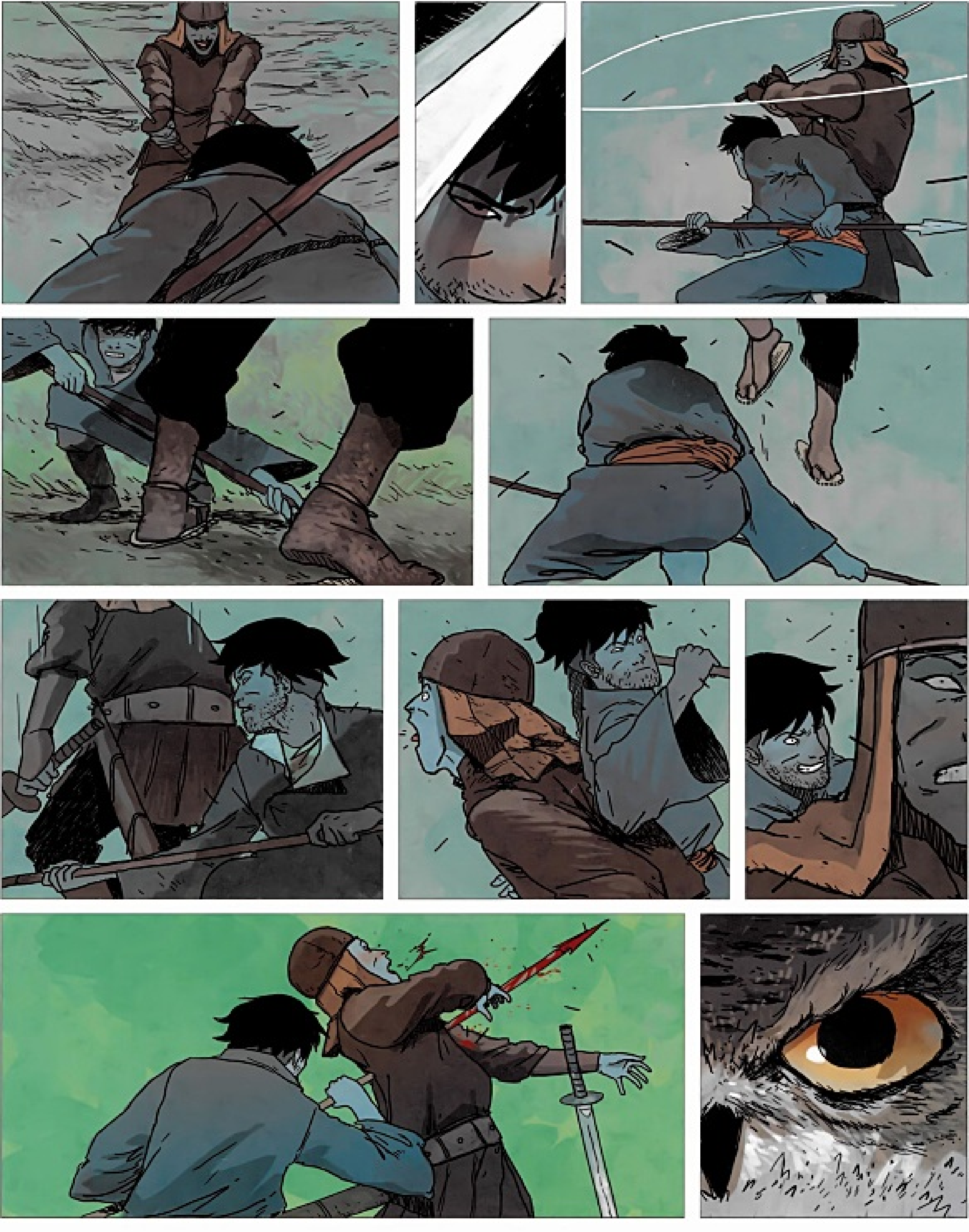

WH-WHAT THE...?
COME... I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.

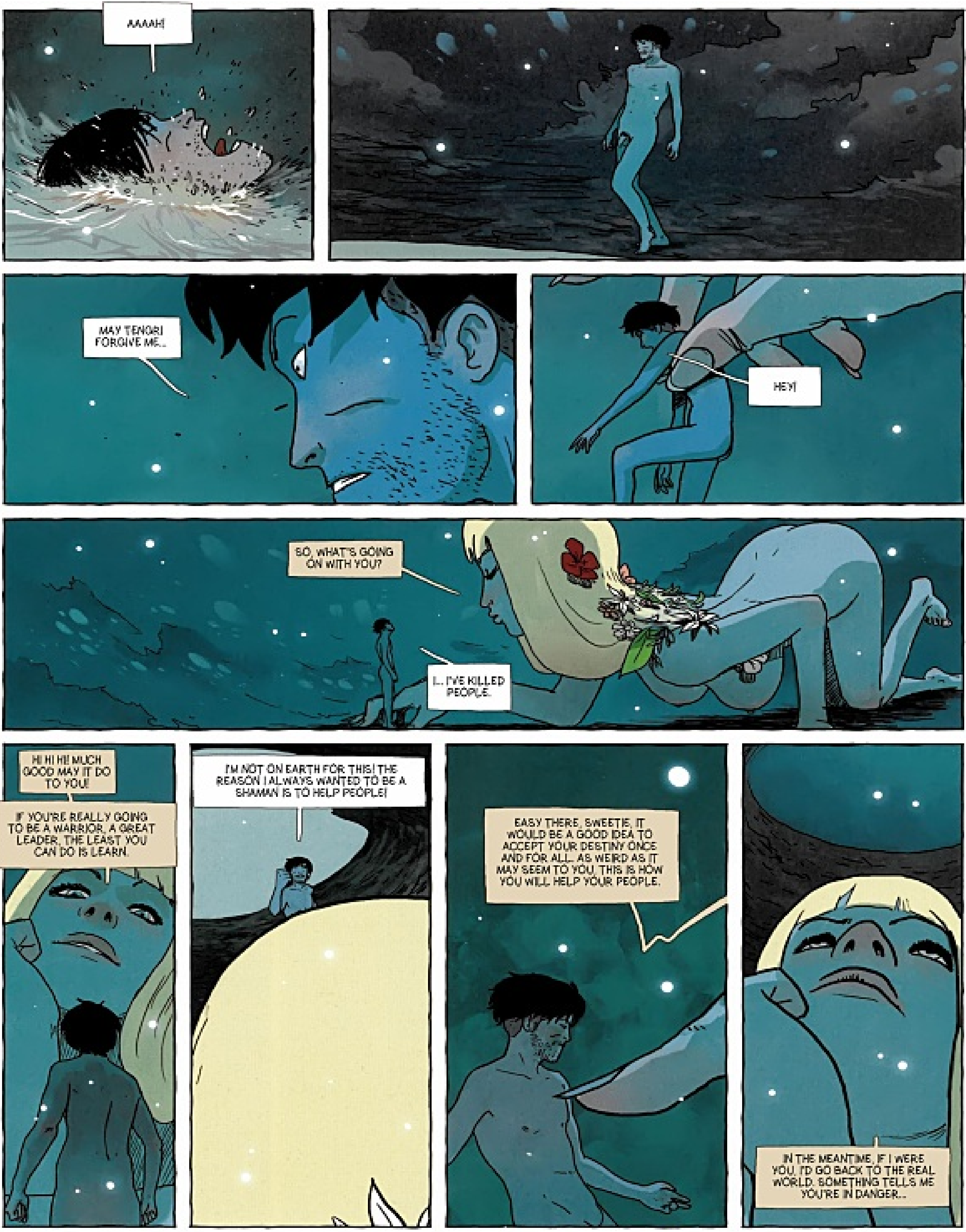

EVERYTHING YOU SEE HERE IS TAKING PLACE ONLY IN YOUR HEAD.
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU'RE NOT REAL? THAT I MADE YOU UP?
NO...
...I AM ONE OF THE THREE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST. YOUR FATHER IS THE WOLF SPIRIT. I AM THE TREE SPIRIT...
...BUT I AM ALSO THE AYAMI, THE SHAMAN TEACHER.
WHEN I SAW YOUR AURA IN THE FOREST, I KNEW YOU COULD BE A GREAT SHAMAN. A WARRIOR SHAMAN WHO WOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH TO HEAL THE MONGOLIAN TERRITORY.
FROM NOW ON, I WILL LIVE IN YOU. OUR EMBRACE HAS UNITED US, WE ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE. I'LL HELP YOU FULFILL YOUR DESTINY. I'LL MAKE YOU THE GREATEST SHAMAN.
STOP IT.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T YOU WANT ME?
IT'S NOT THAT.
YOU SAY MY FATHER IS THE WOLF WHO TRIED TO DEVOUR ME... FOR ME, ONLY OZBEG HAS THE RIGHT TO CARRY THIS TITLE.
YET THE TRUTH IS THAT HE IS YOUR FATHER.
YOU MUSTN'T BE HARD ON HIM, THIS FIGHT WAS A RITE OF PASSAGE. WITHOUT HIM, OUR MEETING COULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.
DON'T YOU LIKE IT HERE?
IF WE LIVE IN ME, WHERE AM I RIGHT NOW?
I JUST WANT TO KNOW.

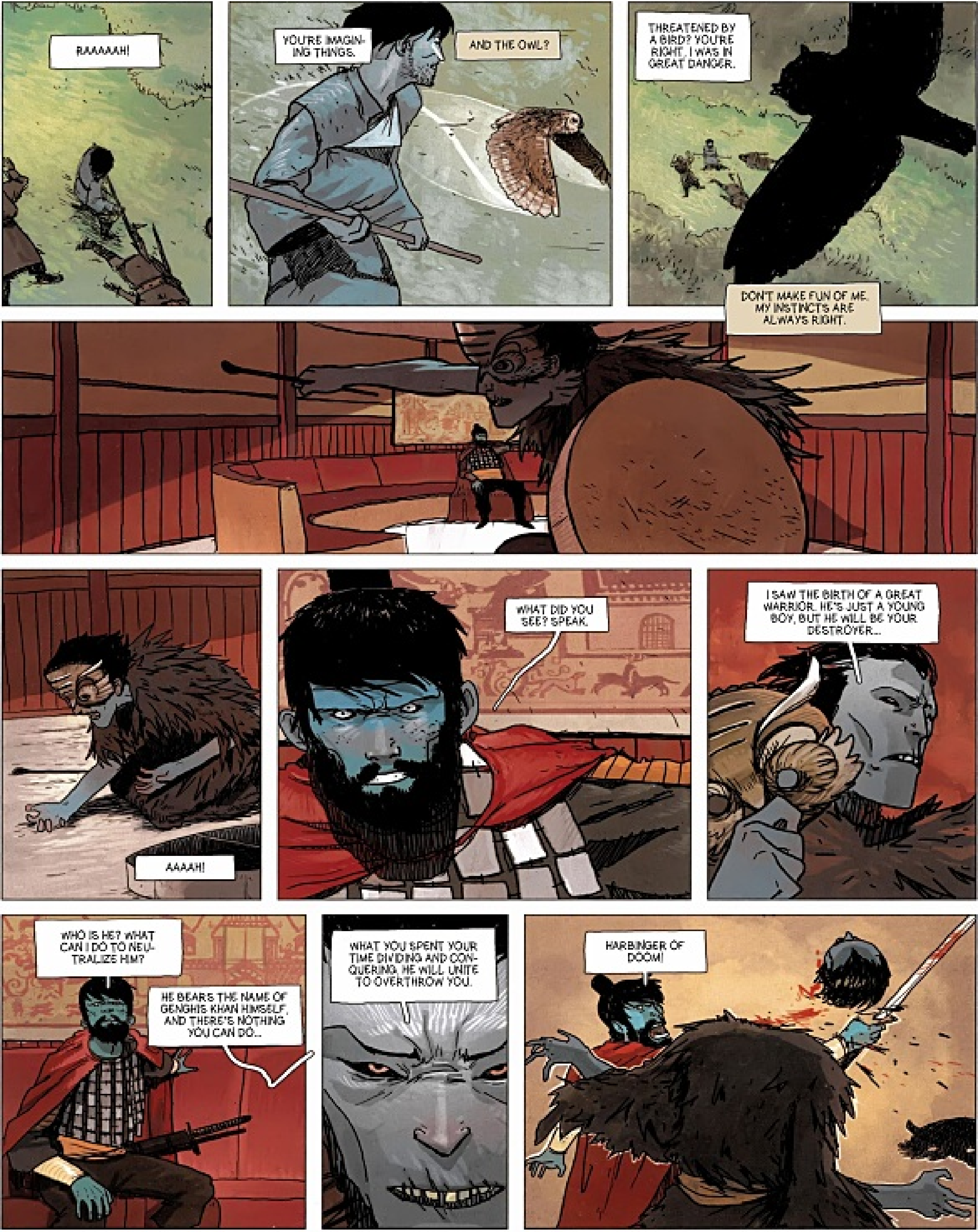

YOU'RE STILL IN THE FOREST ON THE ISLAND OF OLKHON.
DON'T BE AFRAID. I'M HERE TO WATCH OVER YOU. I'LL BE NEXT TO YOU THIS WHOLE TRIP.
FOR NOW, THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD ARE AFRAID.. THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU ANYMORE, BUT THEY WILL COME BACK.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.
JUST SHUT UP! I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING CRAZY, TALKING TO SOMEONE THAT NOBODY CAN SEE.
AS YOU WISH, I WILL STOP TALKING TO YOU..
ABOUT TIME!

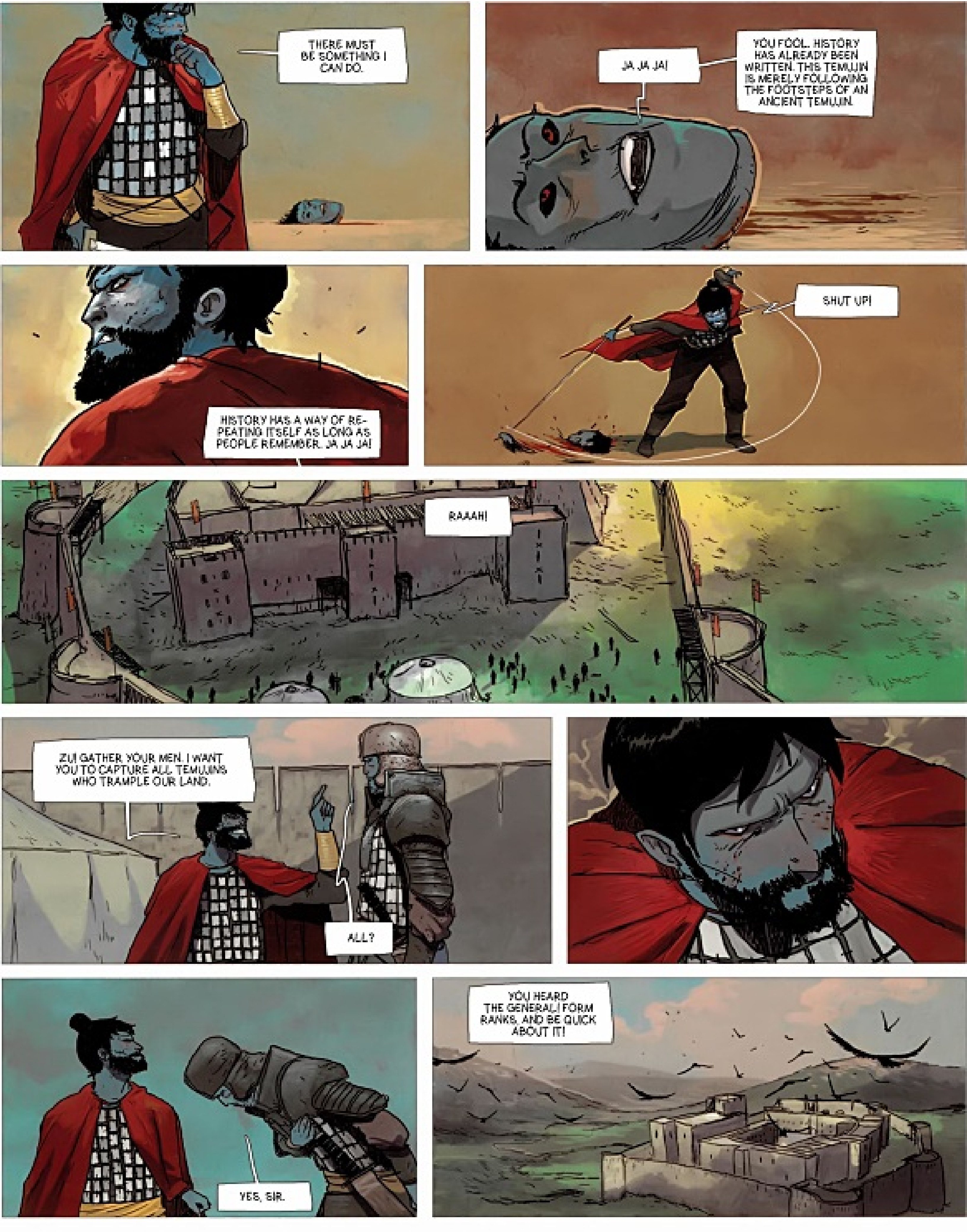

HELLO THERE, TRAVELER. WE'RE KINDLY GOING TO ASK YOU TO PAY THE RIGHT OF PASSAGE OVER OUR LANDS...
GIVE US EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND WE'LL LET YOU LIVE...
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING VALUABLE ON ME.
HE HE! YOU DO HAVE YOUR HORSES.
DISMOUNT!
ALL RIGHT.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HOW IS THAT ANY BUSINESS OF YOURS?
I JUST WANT TO REMEMBER IT WHEN I'M THE LEADER OF YOUR CLAN.
IT WILL HELP ME KILL THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

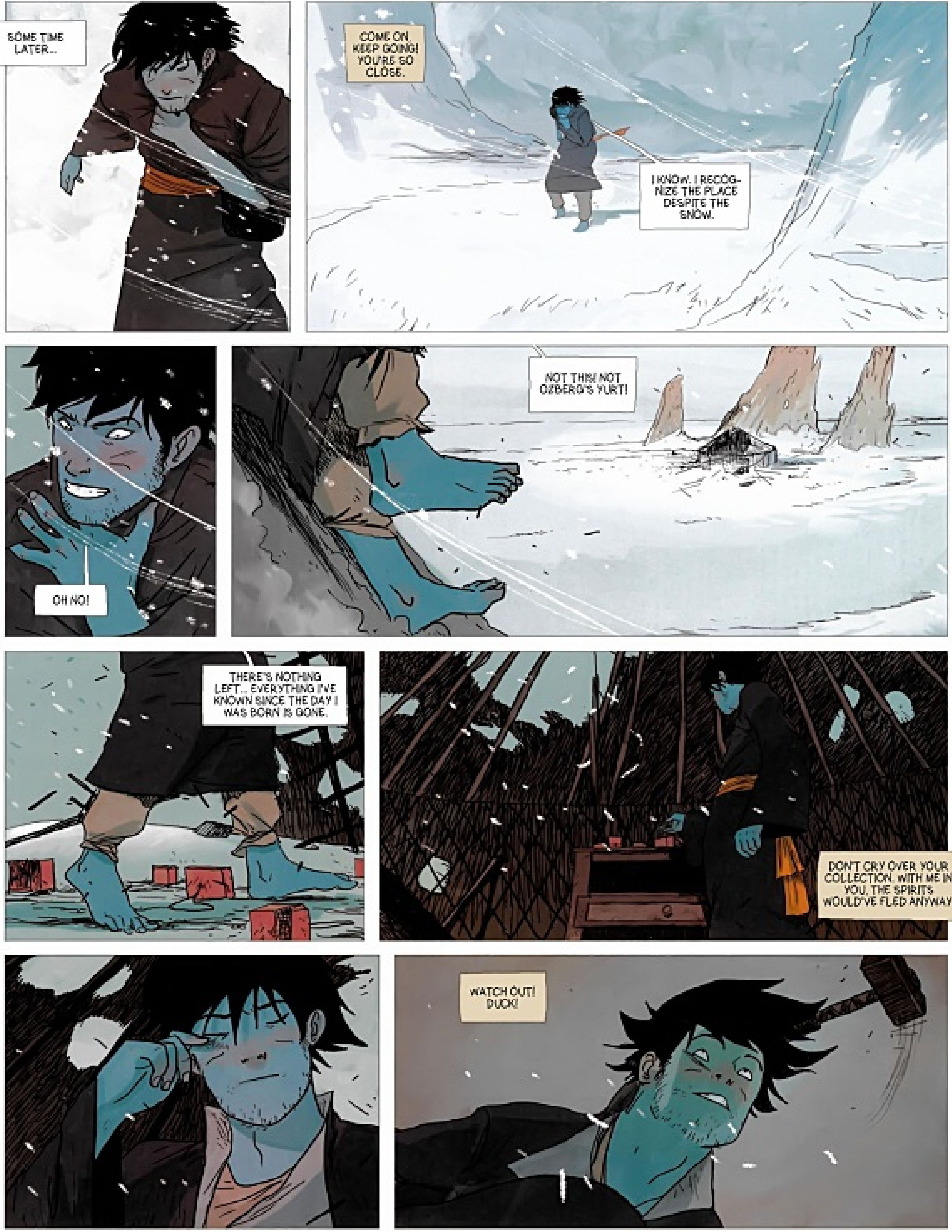


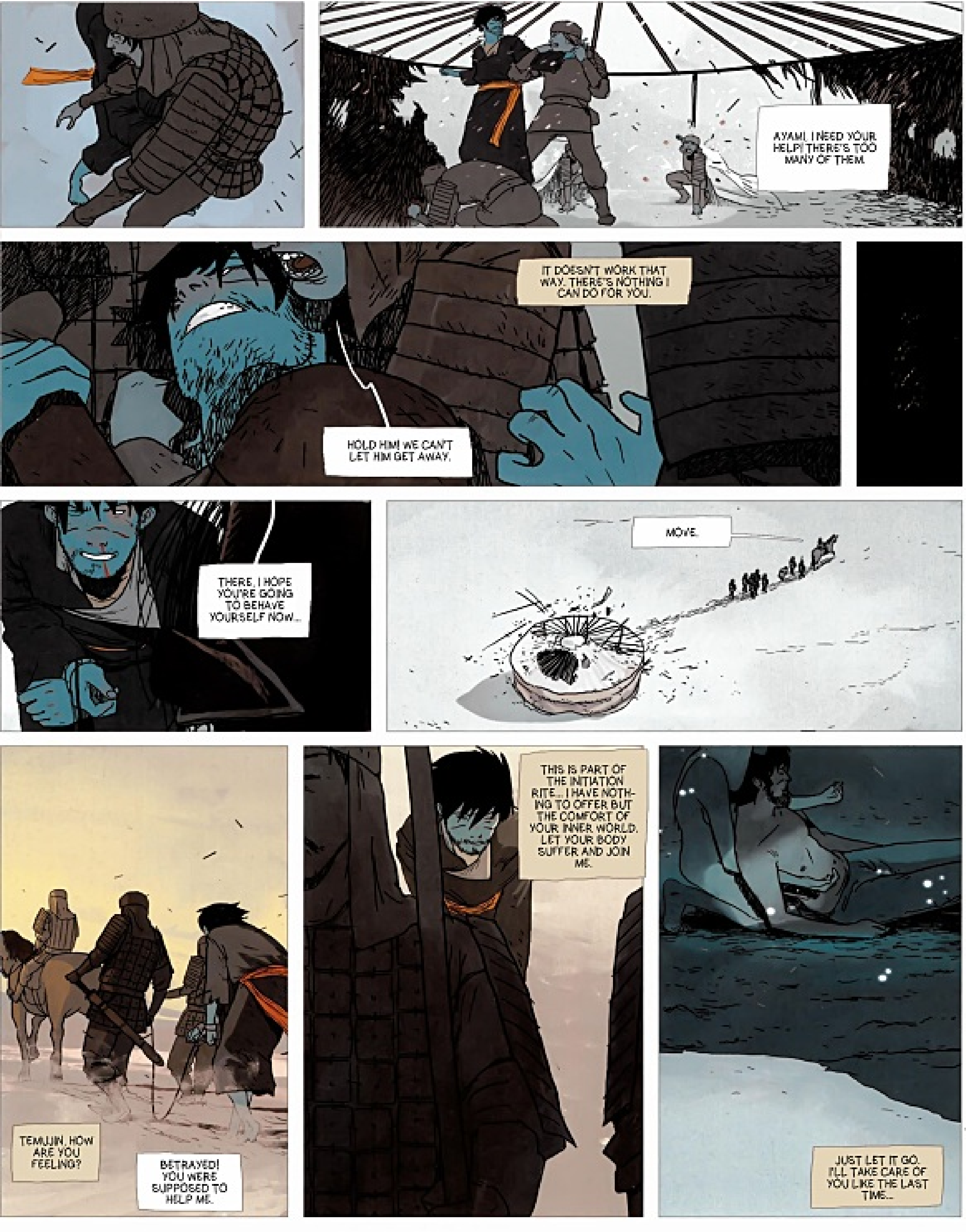


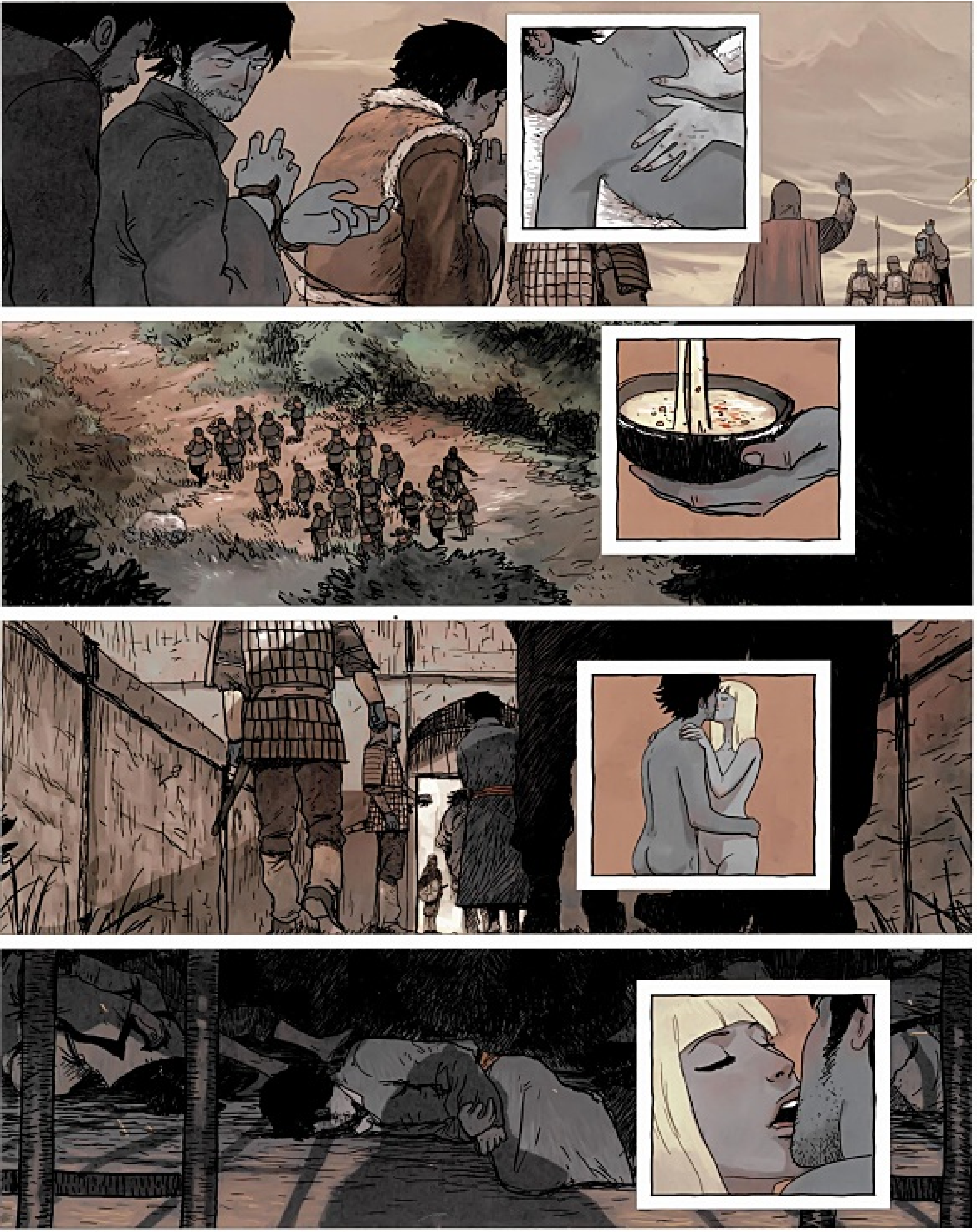

AAAAH!
MAY TENGRI FORGIVE ME...
HEY!
SO, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?
I... I'VE KILLED PEOPLE.
HI HI HI! MUCH GOOD MAY IT DO TO YOU!
IF YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO BE A WARRIOR, A GREAT LEADER, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS LEARN.
I'M NOT ON EARTH FOR THIS! THE REASON I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A SHAMAN IS TO HELP PEOPLE!
EASY THERE, SWEETIE. IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO ACCEPT YOUR DESTINY ONCE AND FOR ALL. AS WEIRD AS IT MAY SEEM TO YOU, THIS IS HOW YOU WILL HELP YOUR PEOPLE.
IN THE MEANTIME, IF I WERE YOU, I'D GO BACK TO THE REAL WORLD. SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE IN DANGER...

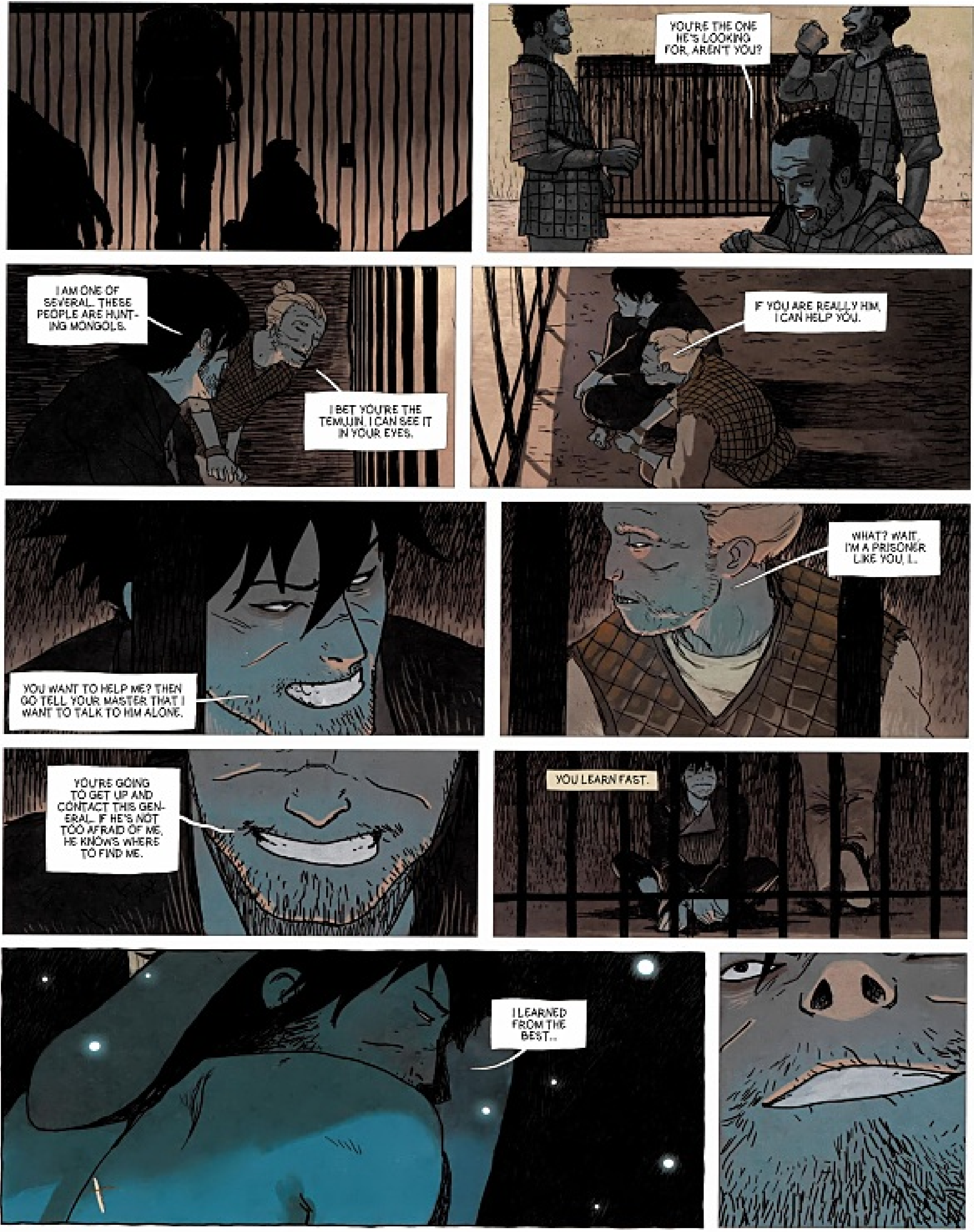

RAAAAAH!
YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS.
AND THE OWL?
THREATENED BY A BIRD? YOU'RE RIGHT, I WAS IN GREAT DANGER.
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME. MY INSTINCTS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT.
AAAAH!
WHAT DID YOU SEE? SPEAK.
I SAW THE BIRTH OF A GREAT WARRIOR. HE'S JUST A YOUNG BOY, BUT HE WILL BE YOUR DESTROYER...
WHO IS HE? WHAT CAN I DO TO NEUTRALIZE HIM?
HE BEARS THE NAME OF GENGHIS KHAN HIMSELF, AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO...
WHAT YOU SPENT YOUR TIME DIVIDING AND CONQUERING, HE WILL UNITE TO OVERTHROW YOU.
HARBINGER OF DOOM!

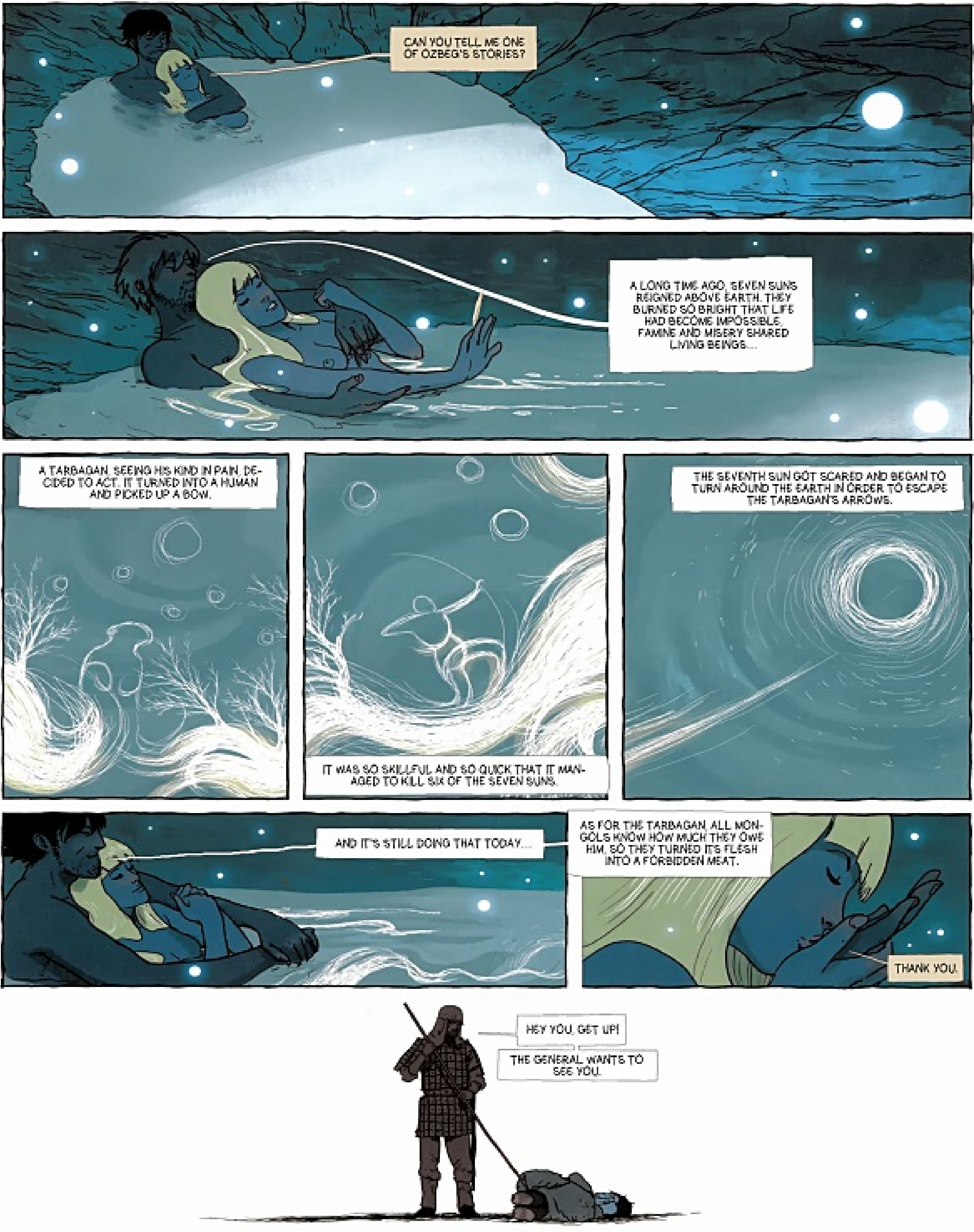

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN DO.
JA JA JA!
YOU FOOL. HISTORY HAS ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN. THIS TEMUJIN IS MERELY FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF AN ANCIENT TEMUJIN.
HISTORY HAS A WAY OF REPEATING ITSELF AS LONG AS PEOPLE REMEMBER. JA JA JA!
SHUT UP!
RAAAH!
ZU! GATHER YOUR MEN. I WANT YOU TO CAPTURE ALL TEMUJINS WHO TRAMPLE OUR LAND.
ALL?
YES, SIR.
YOU HEARD THE GENERAL! FORM RANKS, AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

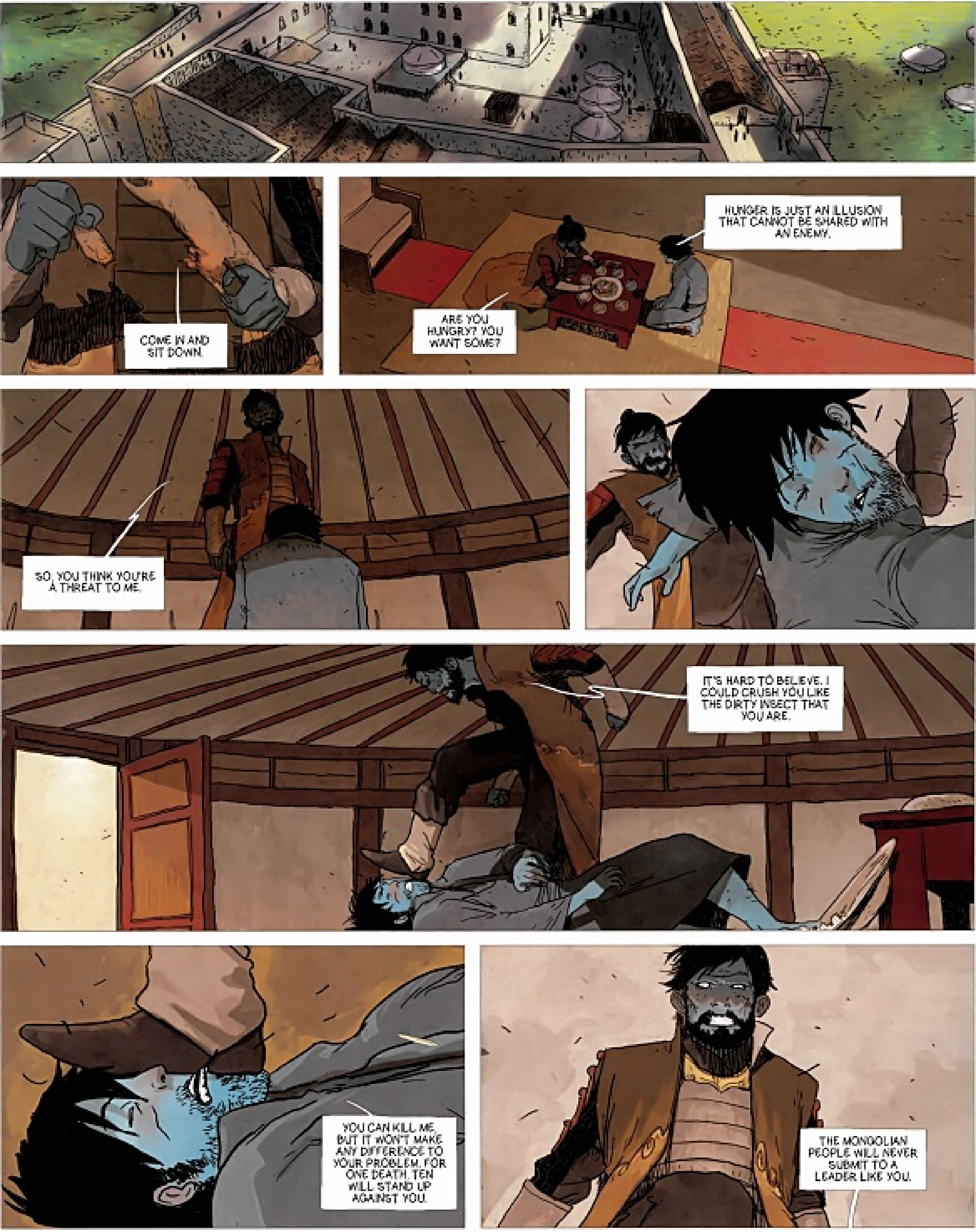

SOME TIME LATER...
COME ON, KEEP GOING! YOU'RE SO CLOSE.
I KNOW. I RECOGNIZE THE PLACE DESPITE THE SNOW.
OH NO!
NOT THIS! NOT OZBERG'S YURT!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT... EVERYTHING I'VE KNOWN SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN IS GONE.
DON'T CRY OVER YOUR COLLECTION. WITH ME IN YOU, THE SPIRITS WOULD'VE FLED ANYWAY.
WATCH OUT! DUCK!

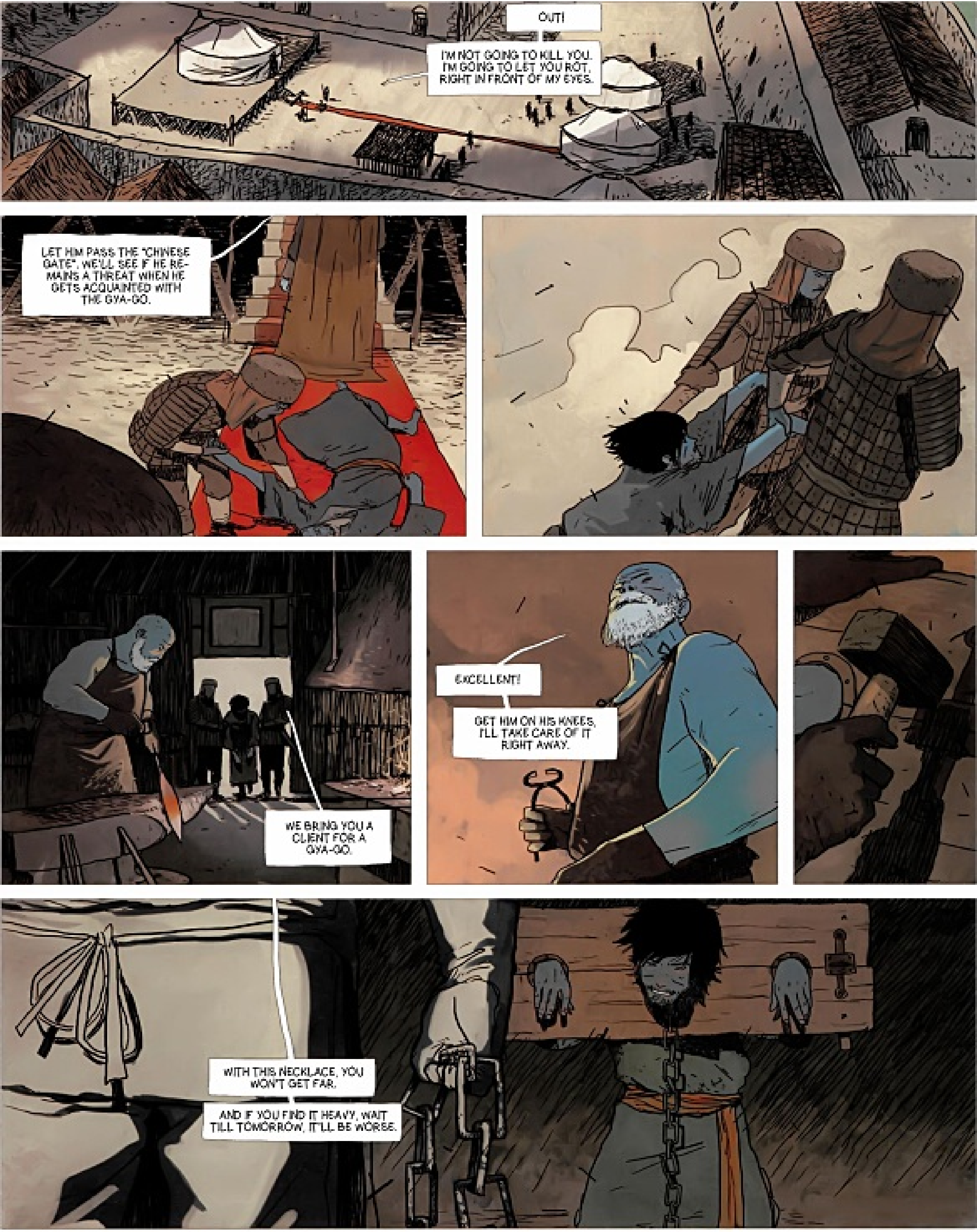

AYAMI, I NEED YOUR HELP! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM.
IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU.
HOLD HIM! WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY.
THERE, I HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO BEHAVE YOURSELF NOW...
MOVE.
TEMUJIN, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
BETRAYED! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP ME.
THIS IS PART OF THE INITIATION RITE... I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER BUT THE COMFORT OF YOUR INNER WORLD. LET YOUR BODY SUFFER AND JOIN ME.
JUST LET IT GO. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU LIKE THE LAST TIME...

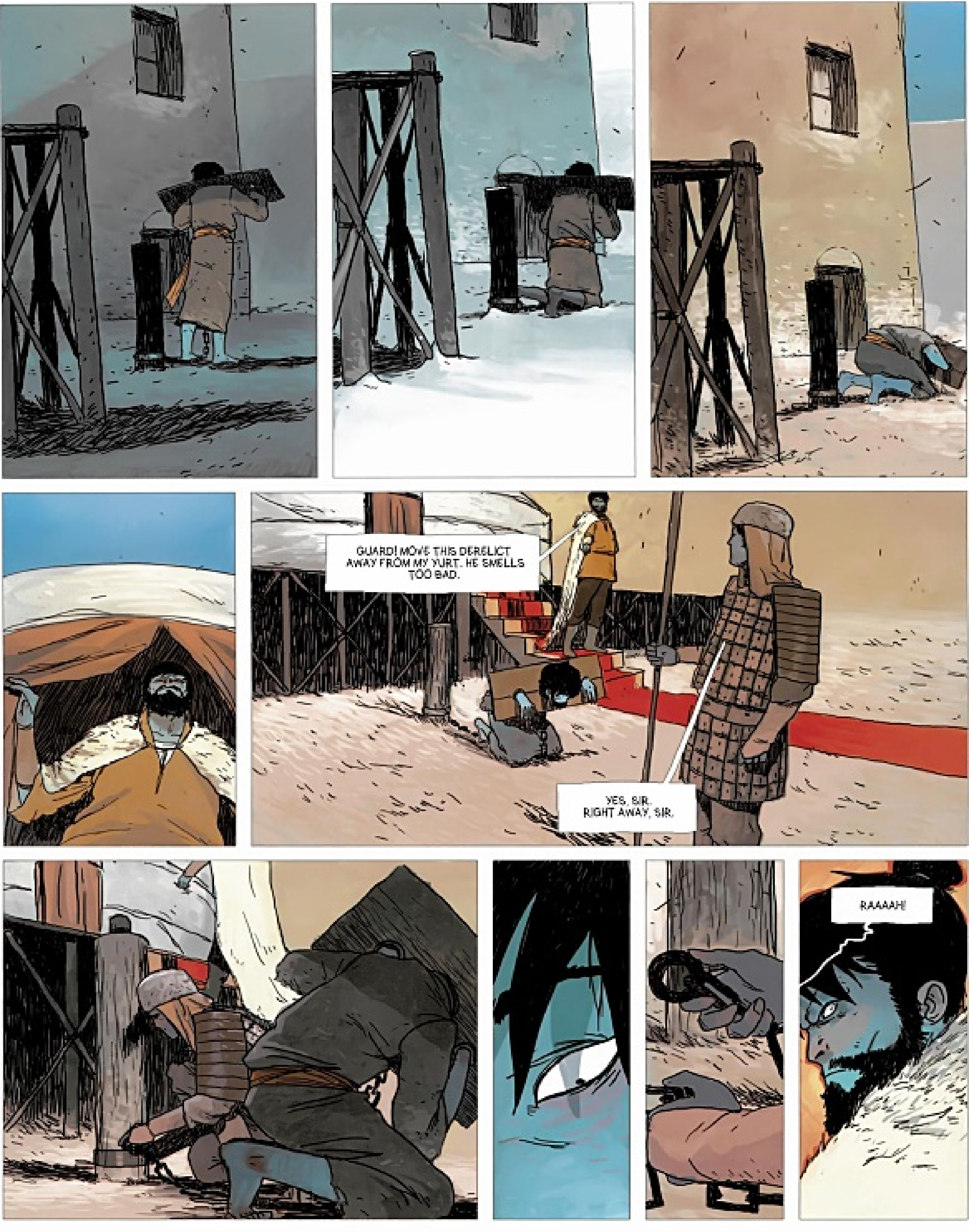


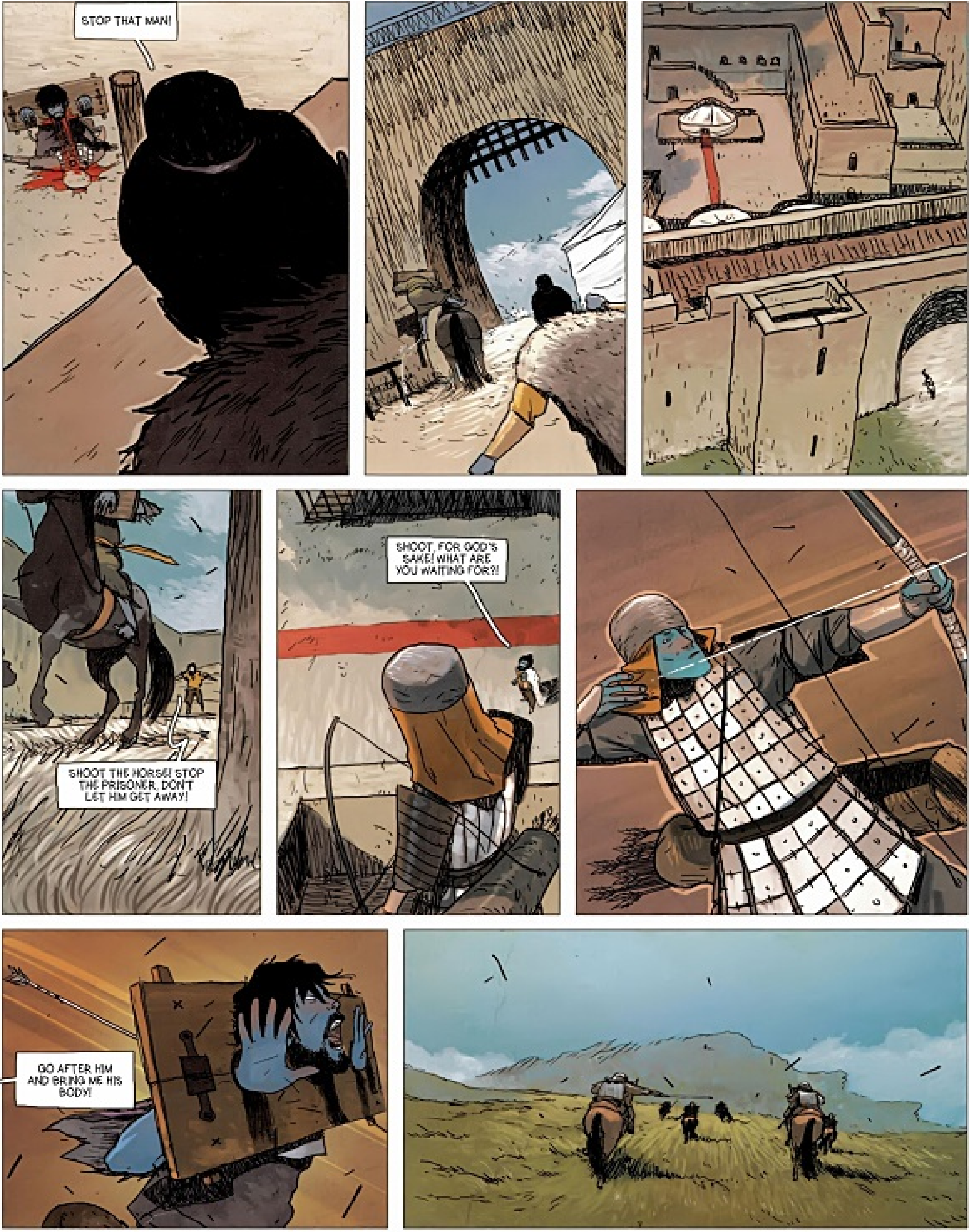

YOU'RE THE ONE HE'S LOOKING FOR, AREN'T YOU?
I AM ONE OF SEVERAL. THESE PEOPLE ARE HUNTING MONGOLS.
I BET YOU'RE THE TEMUJIN. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.
IF YOU ARE REALLY HIM, I CAN HELP YOU.
YOU WANT TO HELP ME? THEN GO TELL YOUR MASTER THAT I WANT TO TALK TO HIM ALONE.
WHAT? WAIT. I'M A PRISONER LIKE YOU, I...
YOU'RE GOING TO GET UP AND CONTACT THIS GENERAL. IF HE'S NOT TOO AFRAID OF ME, HE KNOWS WHERE TO FIND ME.
YOU LEARN FAST.
I LEARNED FROM THE BEST...

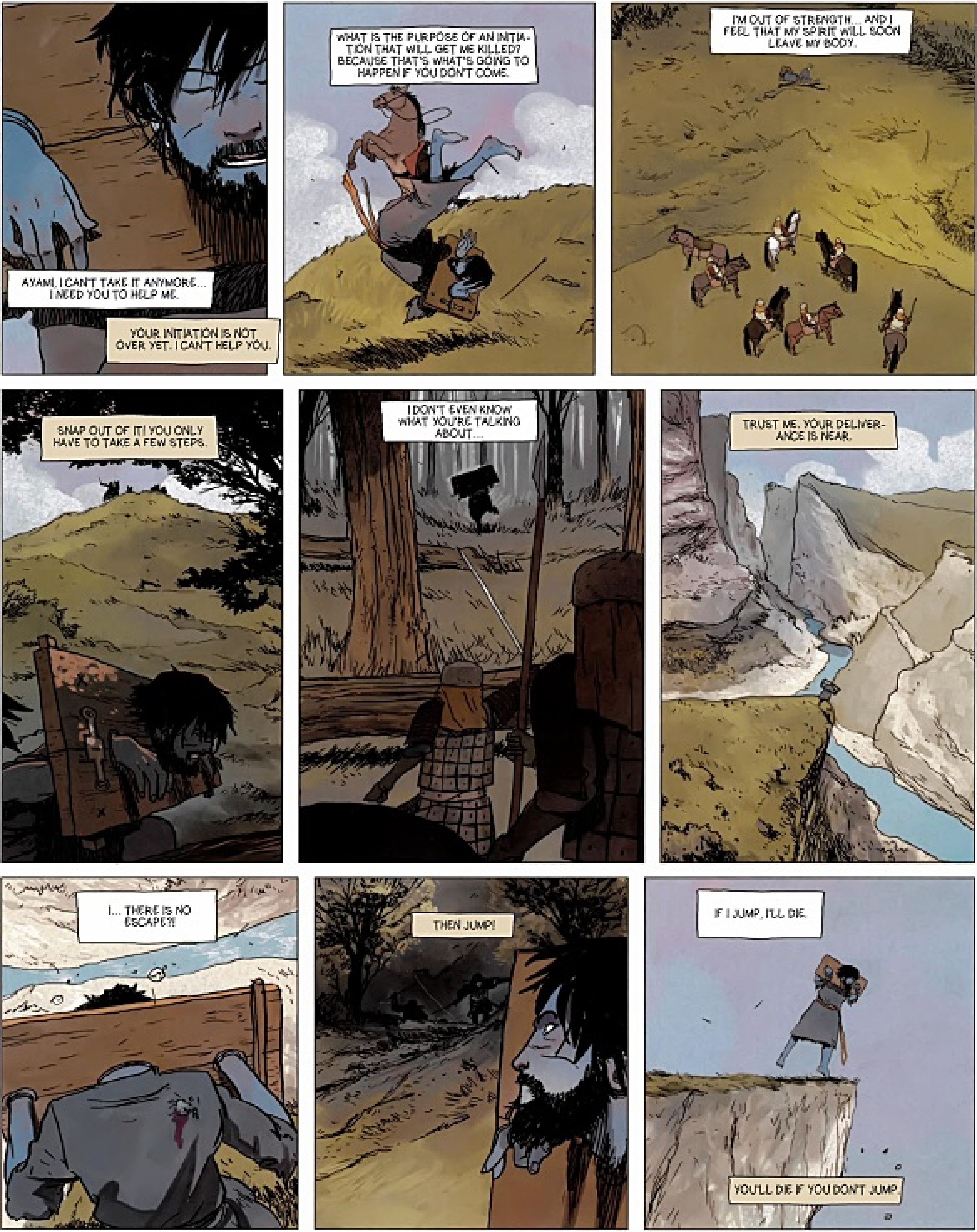

CAN YOU TELL ME ONE OF OZBEG'S STORIES?
A LONG TIME AGO, SEVEN SUNS REIGNED ABOVE EARTH. THEY BURNED SO BRIGHT THAT LIFE HAD BECOME IMPOSSIBLE. FAMINE AND MISERY SHARED LIVING BEINGS...
A TARBAGAN, SEEING HIS KIND IN PAIN, DECIDED TO ACT. IT TURNED INTO A HUMAN AND PICKED UP A BOW.
IT WAS SO SKILLFUL AND SO QUICK THAT IT MANAGED TO KILL SIX OF THE SEVEN SUNS.
THE SEVENTH SUN GOT SCARED AND BEGAN TO TURN AROUND THE EARTH IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE TARBAGAN'S ARROWS.
AND IT'S STILL DOING THAT TODAY...
AS FOR THE TARBAGAN, ALL MONGOLS KNOW HOW MUCH THEY OWE HIM, SO THEY TURNED ITS FLESH INTO A FORBIDDEN MEAT.
THANK YOU.
HEY YOU, GET UP!
THE GENERAL WANTS TO SEE YOU.

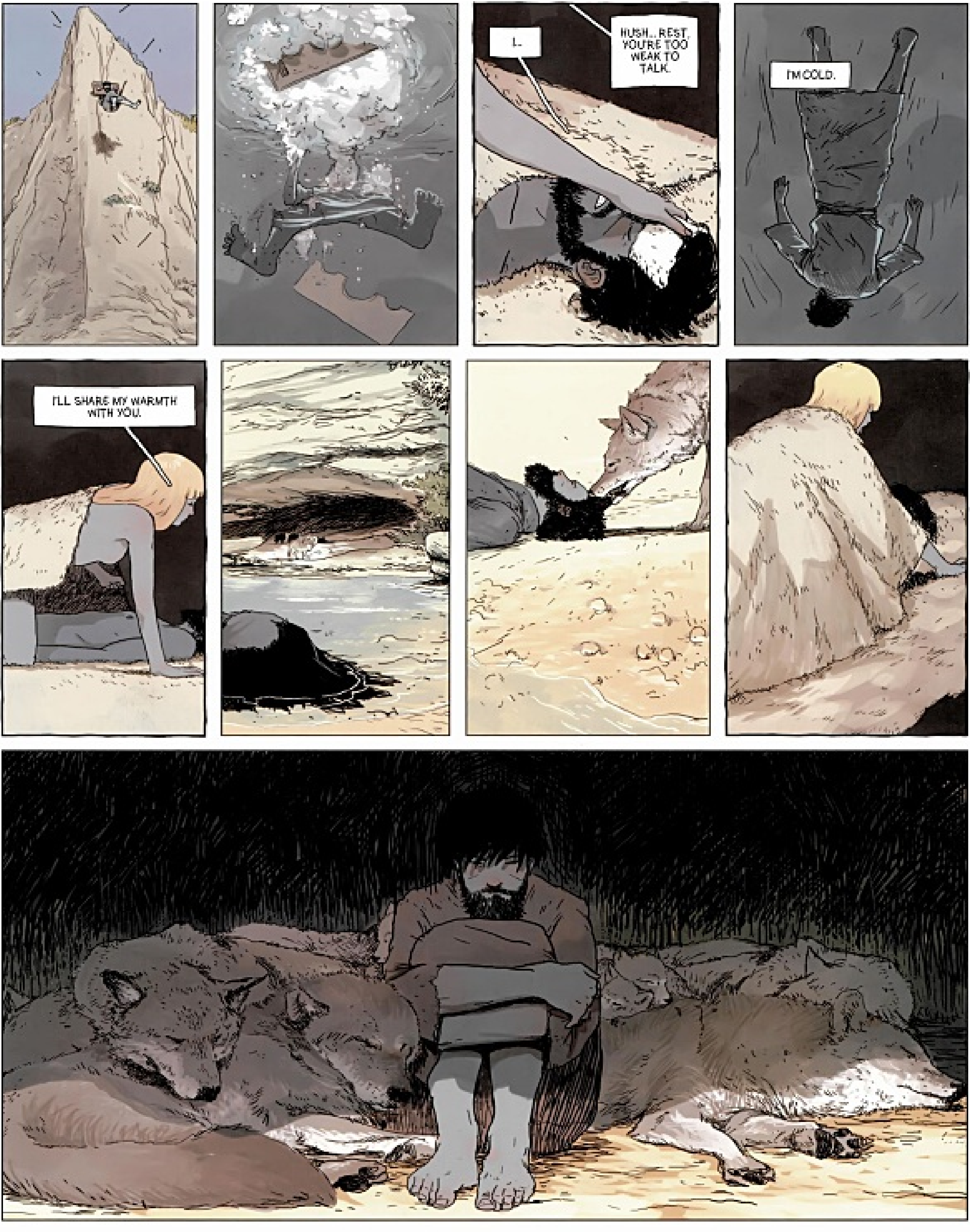

COME IN AND SIT DOWN.
ARE YOU HUNGRY? YOU WANT SOME?
HUNGER IS JUST AN ILLUSION THAT CANNOT BE SHARED WITH AN ENEMY.
SO, YOU THINK YOU'RE A THREAT TO ME.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. I COULD CRUSH YOU LIKE THE DIRTY INSECT THAT YOU ARE.
YOU CAN KILL ME, BUT IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOUR PROBLEM. FOR ONE DEATH, TEN WILL STAND UP AGAINST YOU.
THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO A LEADER LIKE YOU.

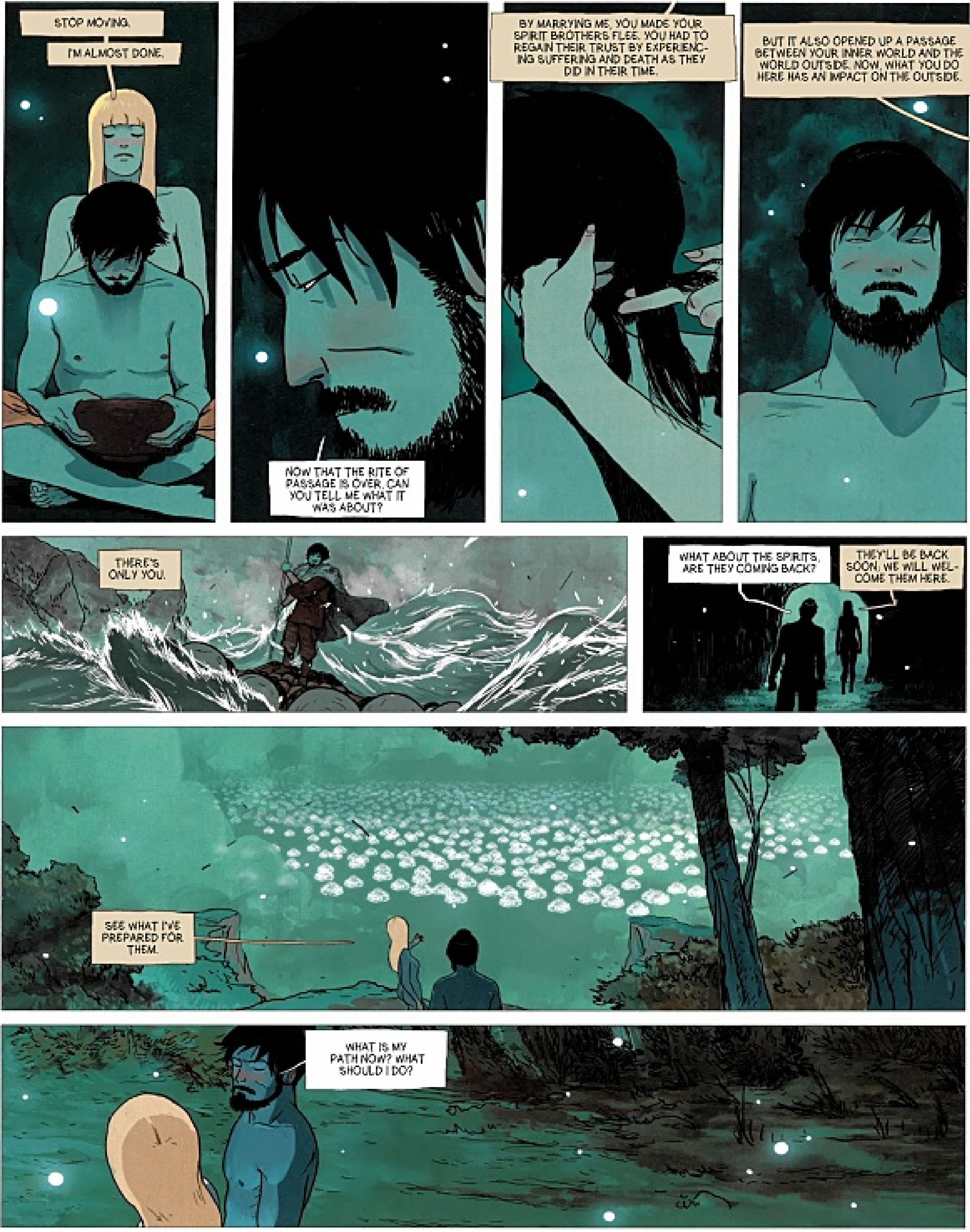

OUT!
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU. I'M GOING TO LET YOU ROT, RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES.
LET HIM PASS THE "CHINESE GATE". WE'LL SEE IF HE REMAINS A THREAT WHEN HE GETS ACQUAINTED WITH THE GYA-GO.
WE BRING YOU A CLIENT FOR A GYA-GO.
EXCELLENT!
GET HIM ON HIS KNEES, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT RIGHT AWAY.
WITH THIS NECKLACE, YOU WON'T GET FAR.
AND IF YOU FIND IT HEAVY, WAIT TILL TOMORROW, IT'LL BE WORSE.

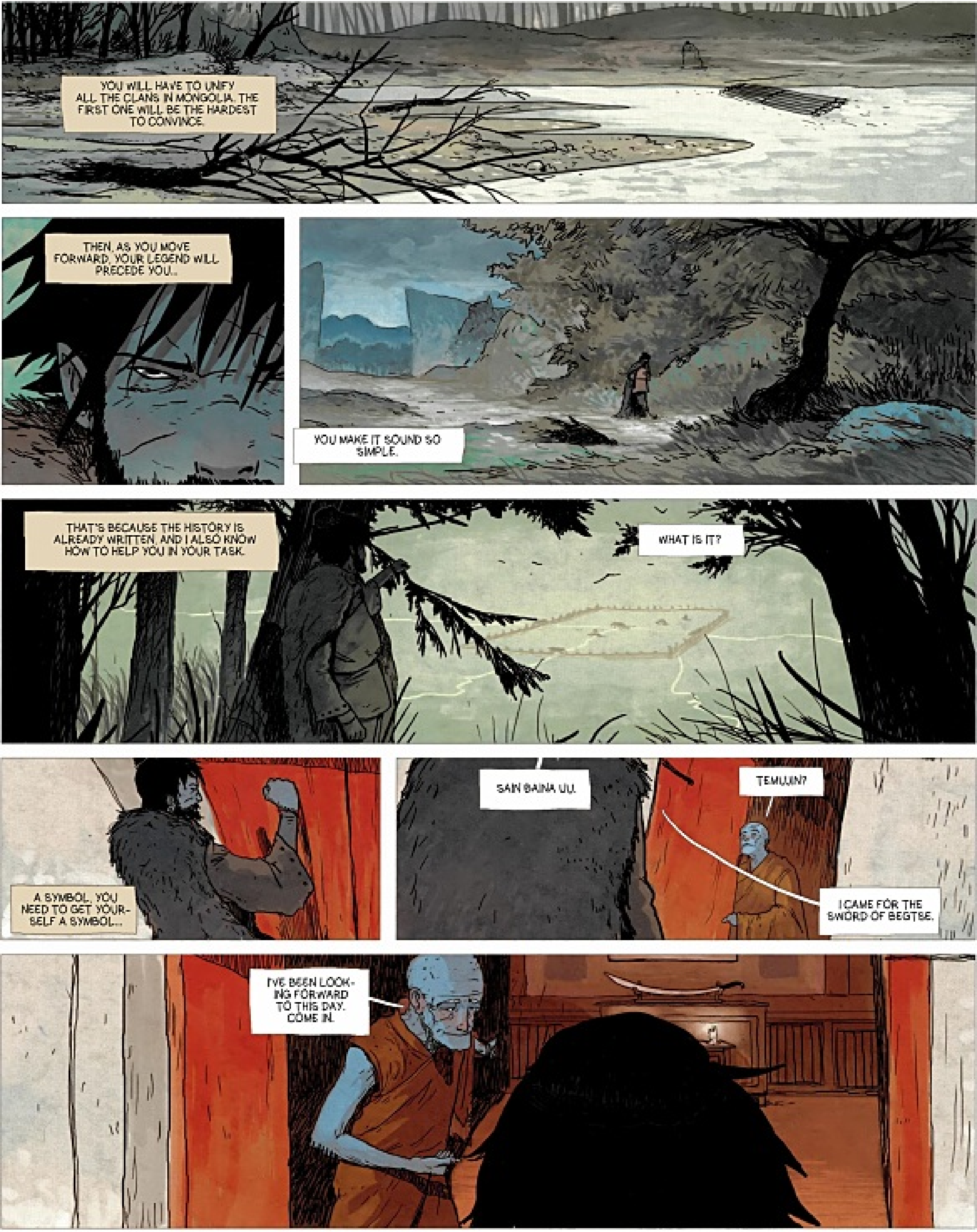

GUARD! MOVE THIS DERELICT AWAY FROM MY YURT. HE SMELLS TOO BAD.
YES, SIR. RIGHT AWAY, SIR.
RAAAAH!

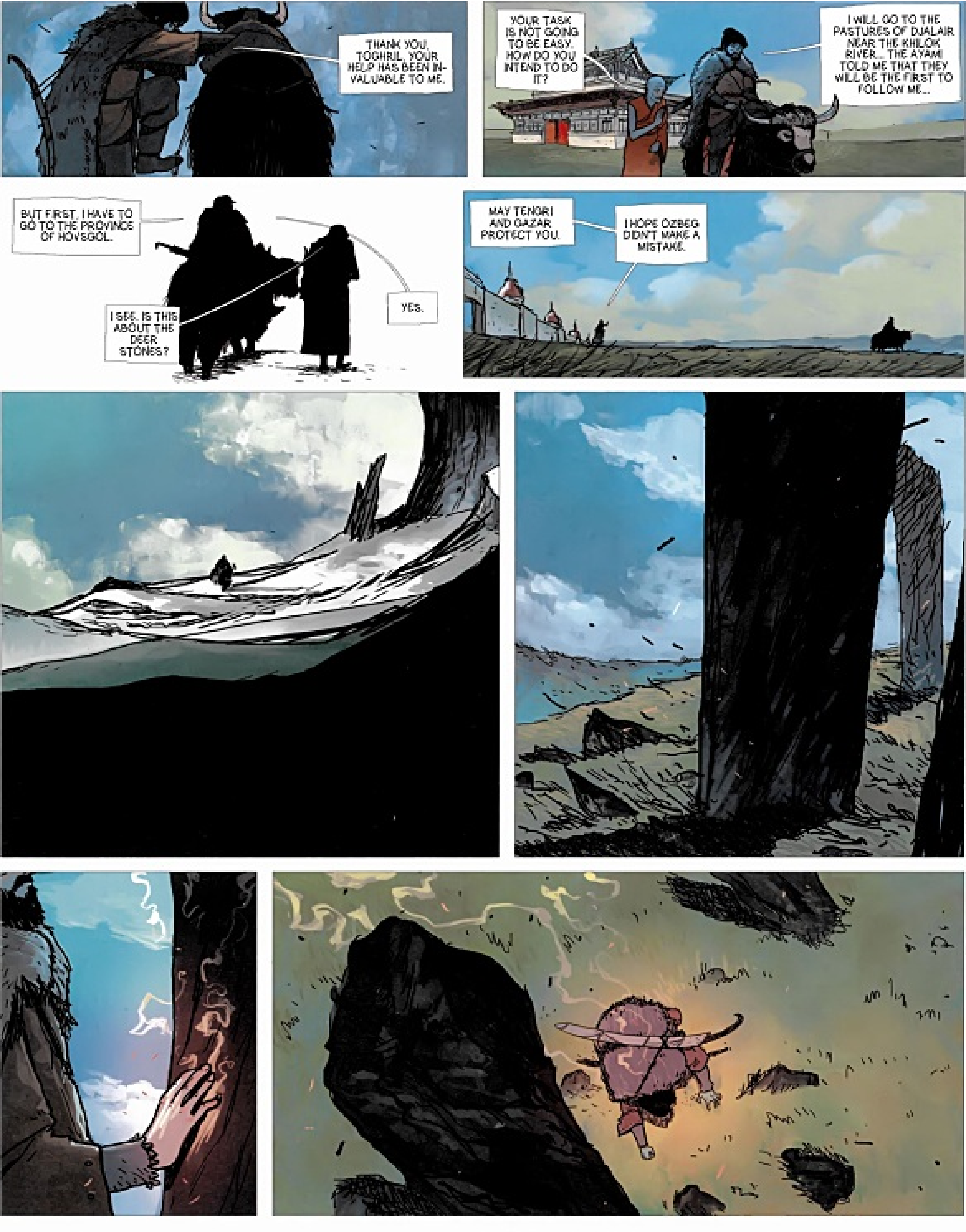

STOP THAT MAN!
SHOOT THE HORSE! STOP THE PRISONER. DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
SHOOT, FOR GOD'S SAKE! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
GO AFTER HIM AND BRING ME HIS BODY!

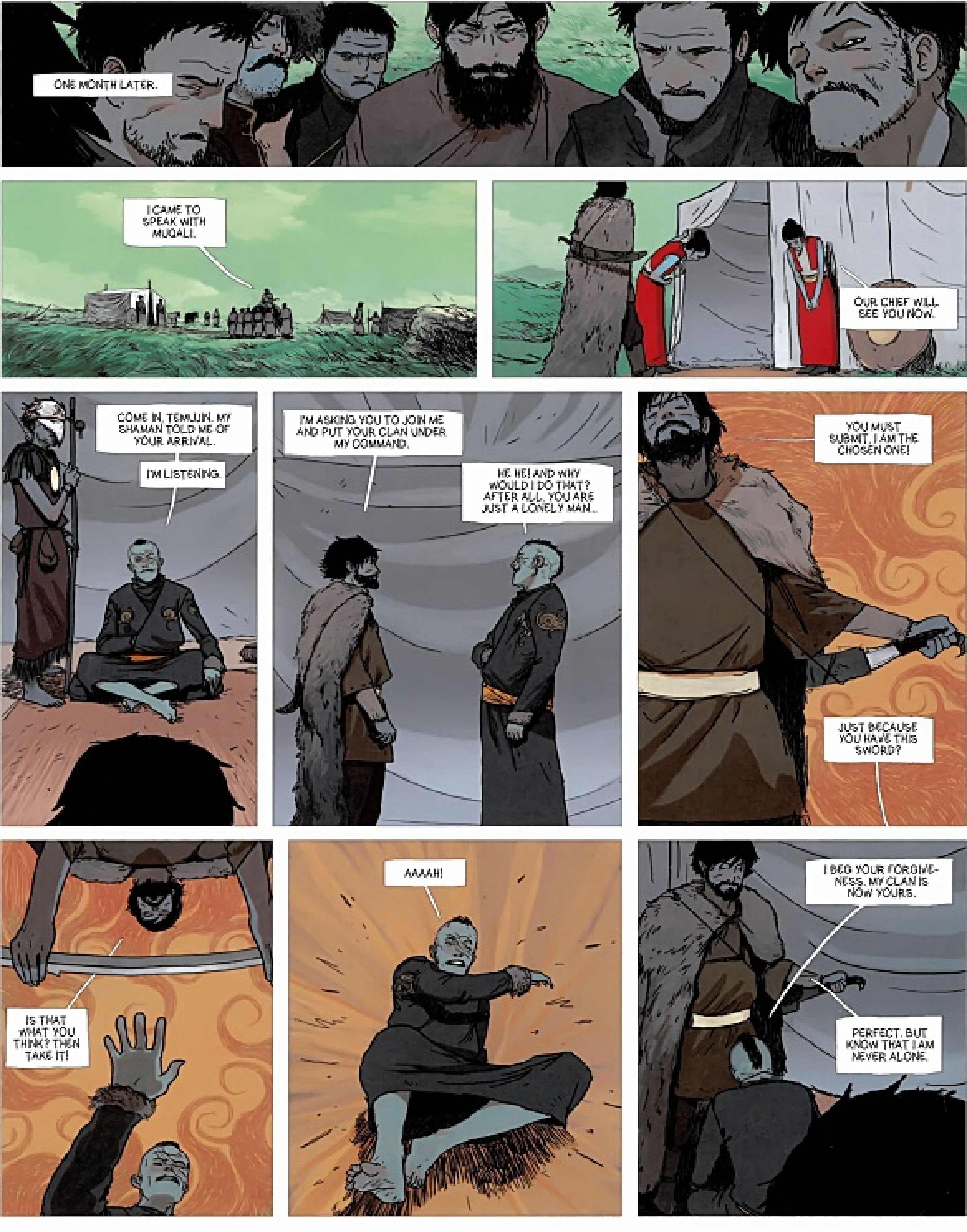

AYAMI, I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE... I NEED YOU TO HELP ME.
YOUR INITIATION IS NOT OVER YET. I CAN'T HELP YOU.
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN INITIATION THAT WILL GET ME KILLED? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T COME.
I'M OUT OF STRENGTH... AND I FEEL THAT MY SPIRIT WILL SOON LEAVE MY BODY.
SNAP OUT OF IT! YOU ONLY HAVE TO TAKE A FEW STEPS.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
TRUST ME. YOUR DELIVERANCE IS NEAR.
I... THERE IS NO ESCAPE?!
THEN JUMP!
IF I JUMP, I'LL DIE.
YOU'LL DIE IF YOU DON'T JUMP.

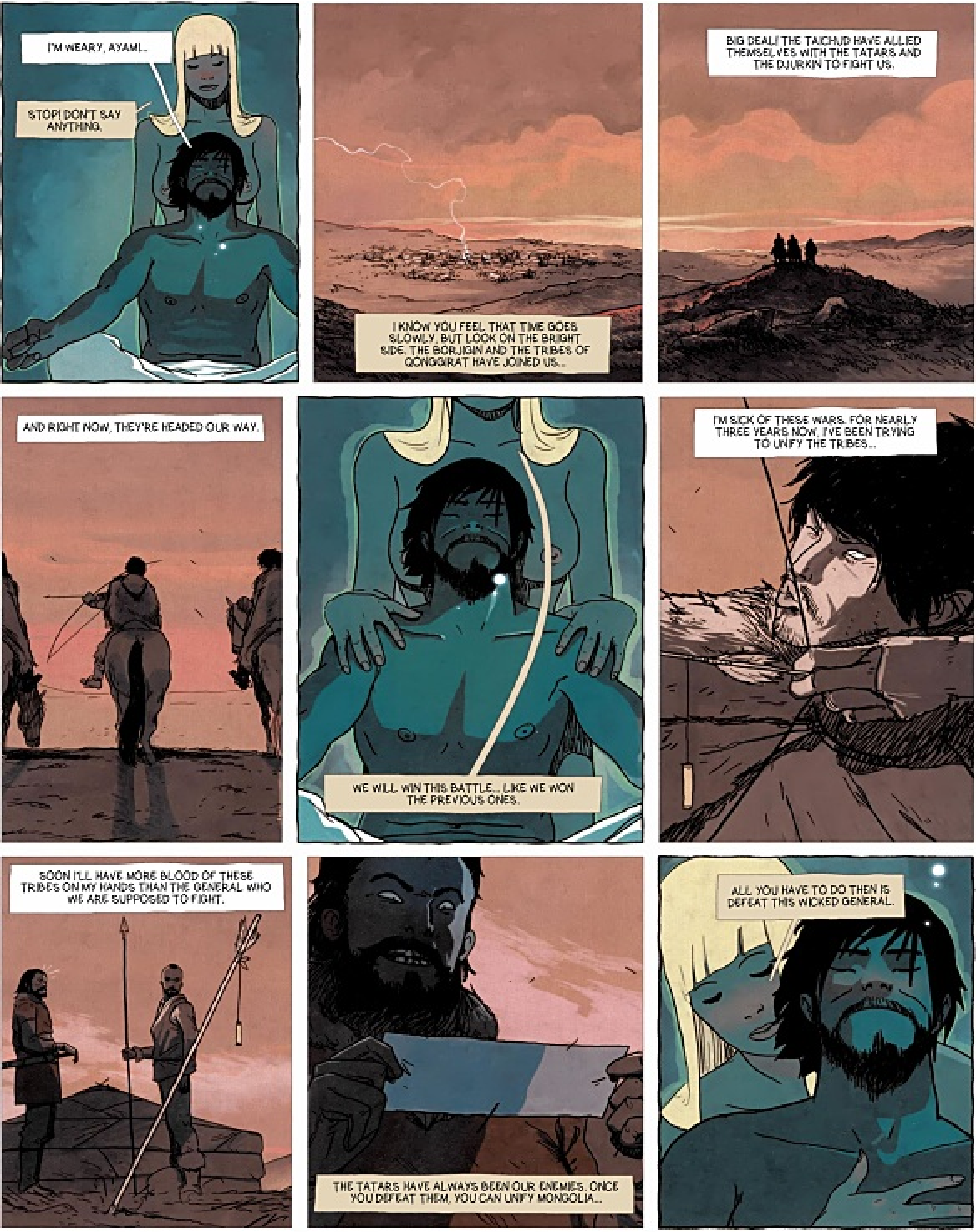

I...
HUSH... REST. YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO TALK.
I'M COLD.
I'LL SHARE MY WARMTH WITH YOU.

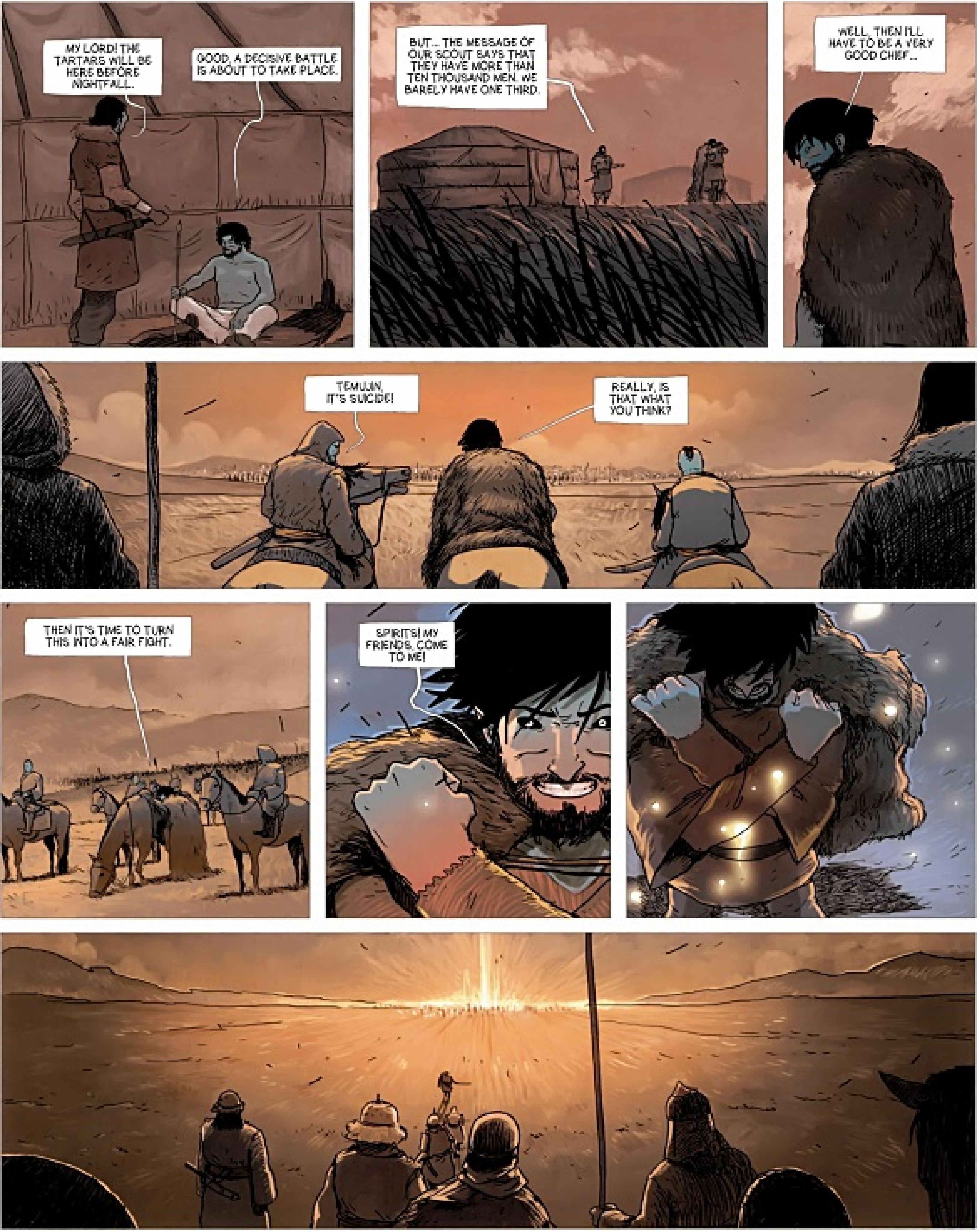

STOP MOVING.
I'M ALMOST DONE.
NOW THAT THE RITE OF PASSAGE IS OVER, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT IT WAS ABOUT?
BY MARRYING ME, YOU MADE YOUR SPIRIT BROTHERS FLEE. YOU HAD TO REGAIN THEIR TRUST BY EXPERIENCING SUFFERING AND DEATH AS THEY DID IN THEIR TIME.
BUT IT ALSO OPENED UP A PASSAGE BETWEEN YOUR INNER WORLD AND THE WORLD OUTSIDE. NOW, WHAT YOU DO HERE HAS AN IMPACT ON THE OUTSIDE.
THERE'S ONLY YOU.
WHAT ABOUT THE SPIRITS, ARE THEY COMING BACK?
THEY'LL BE BACK SOON. WE WILL WELCOME THEM HERE.
SEE WHAT I'VE PREPARED FOR THEM.
WHAT IS MY PATH NOW? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

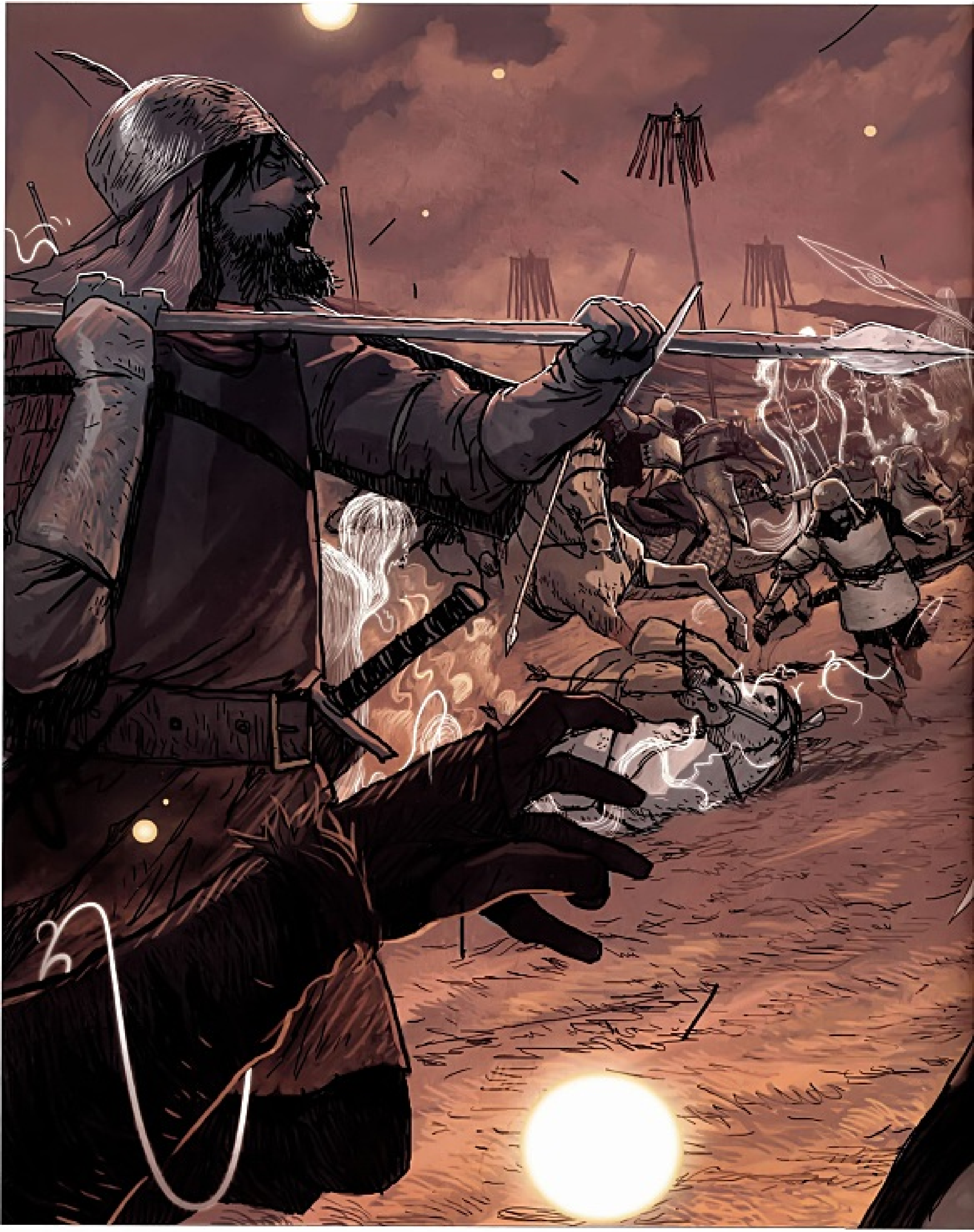

YOU WILL HAVE TO UNIFY ALL THE CLANS IN MONGOLIA. THE FIRST ONE WILL BE THE HARDEST TO CONVINCE.
THEN, AS YOU MOVE FORWARD, YOUR LEGEND WILL PRECEDE YOU...
YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO SIMPLE.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE HISTORY IS ALREADY WRITTEN, AND I ALSO KNOW HOW TO HELP YOU IN YOUR TASK.
WHAT IS IT?
A SYMBOL. YOU NEED TO GET YOURSELF A SYMBOL...
SAIN BAINA UU.
TEMUJIN?
I CAME FOR THE SWORD OF BEGTSE.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY. COME IN.

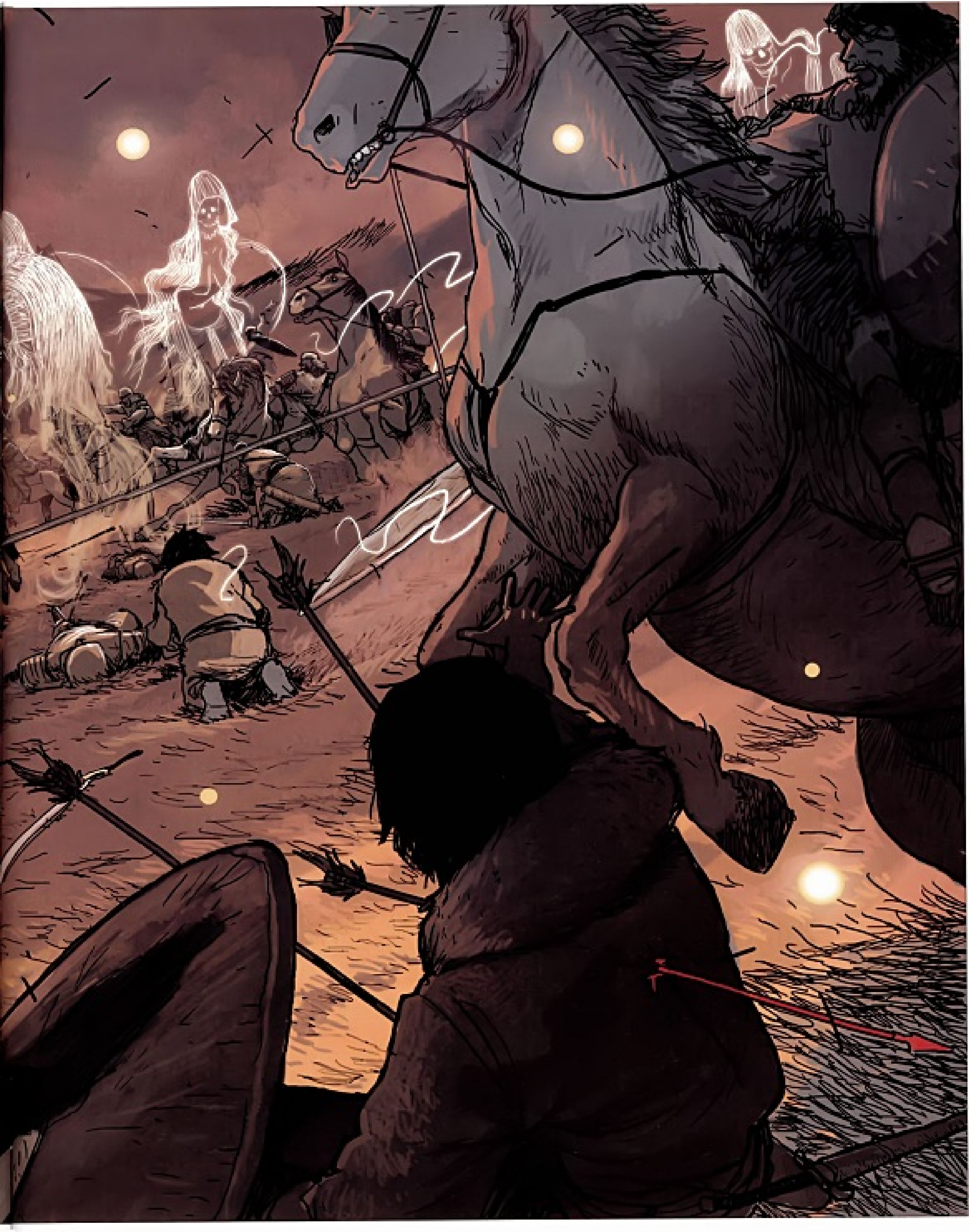

THANK YOU, TOGHRIL. YOUR HELP HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO ME.
YOUR TASK IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY. HOW DO YOU INTEND TO DO IT?
I WILL GO TO THE PASTURES OF DJALAIR NEAR THE KHILOK RIVER... THE AYAMI TOLD ME THAT THEY WILL BE THE FIRST TO FOLLOW ME...
BUT FIRST, I HAVE TO GO TO THE PROVINCE OF HÖVSGÖL.
I SEE. IS THIS ABOUT THE DEER STONES?
YES.
MAY TENGRI AND GAZAR PROTECT YOU.
I HOPE ÖZBEG DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE.

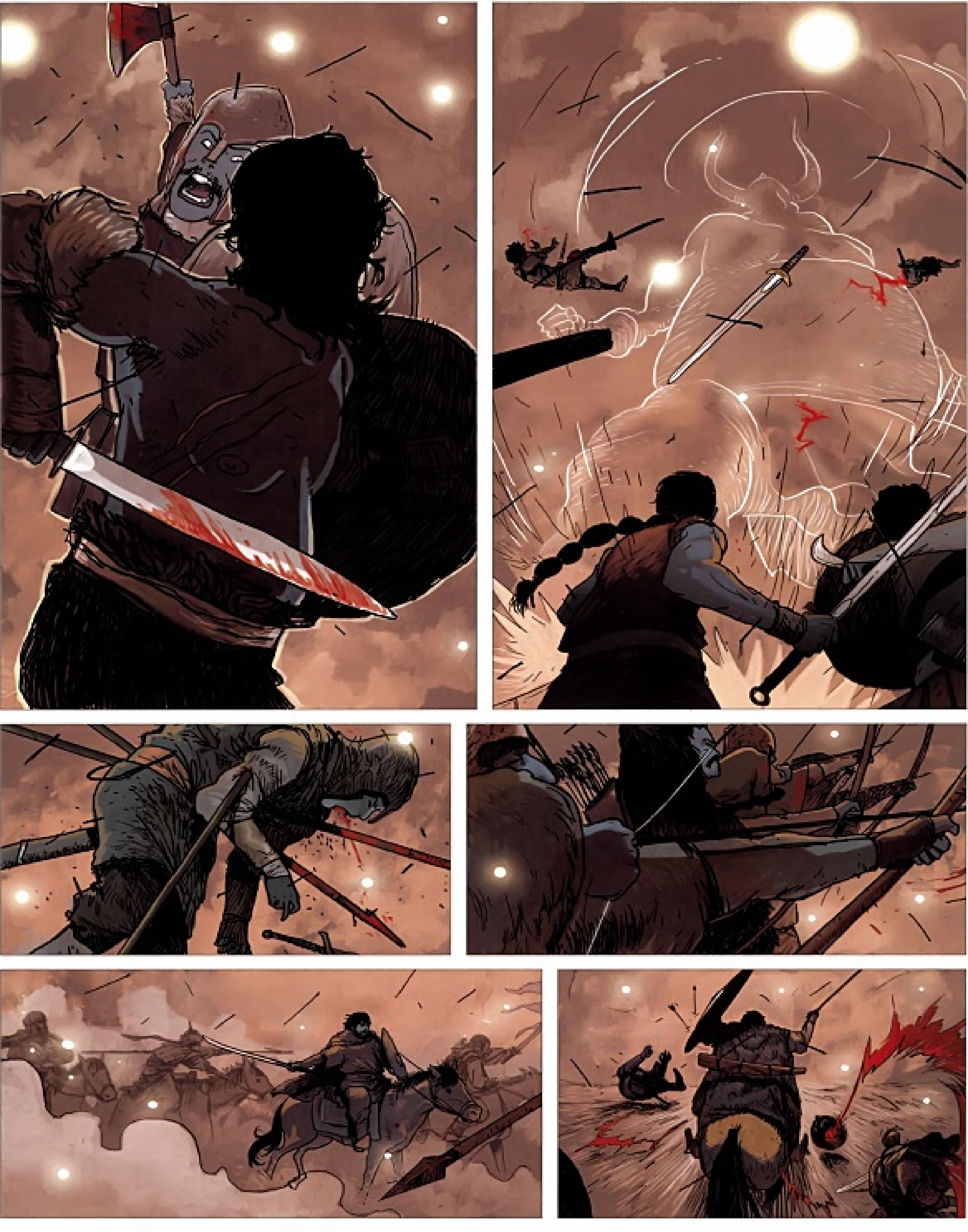

ONE MONTH LATER.
I CAME TO SPEAK WITH MUQALI.
OUR CHIEF WILL SEE YOU NOW.
COME IN, TEMUJIN. MY SHAMAN TOLD ME OF YOUR ARRIVAL.
I'M LISTENING.
I'M ASKING YOU TO JOIN ME AND PUT YOUR CLAN UNDER MY COMMAND.
HE HE! AND WHY WOULD I DO THAT? AFTER ALL, YOU ARE JUST A LONELY MAN...
YOU MUST SUBMIT, I AM THE CHOSEN ONE!
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE THIS SWORD?
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK? THEN TAKE IT!
AAAAH!
I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS. MY CLAN IS NOW YOURS.
PERFECT, BUT KNOW THAT I AM NEVER ALONE.

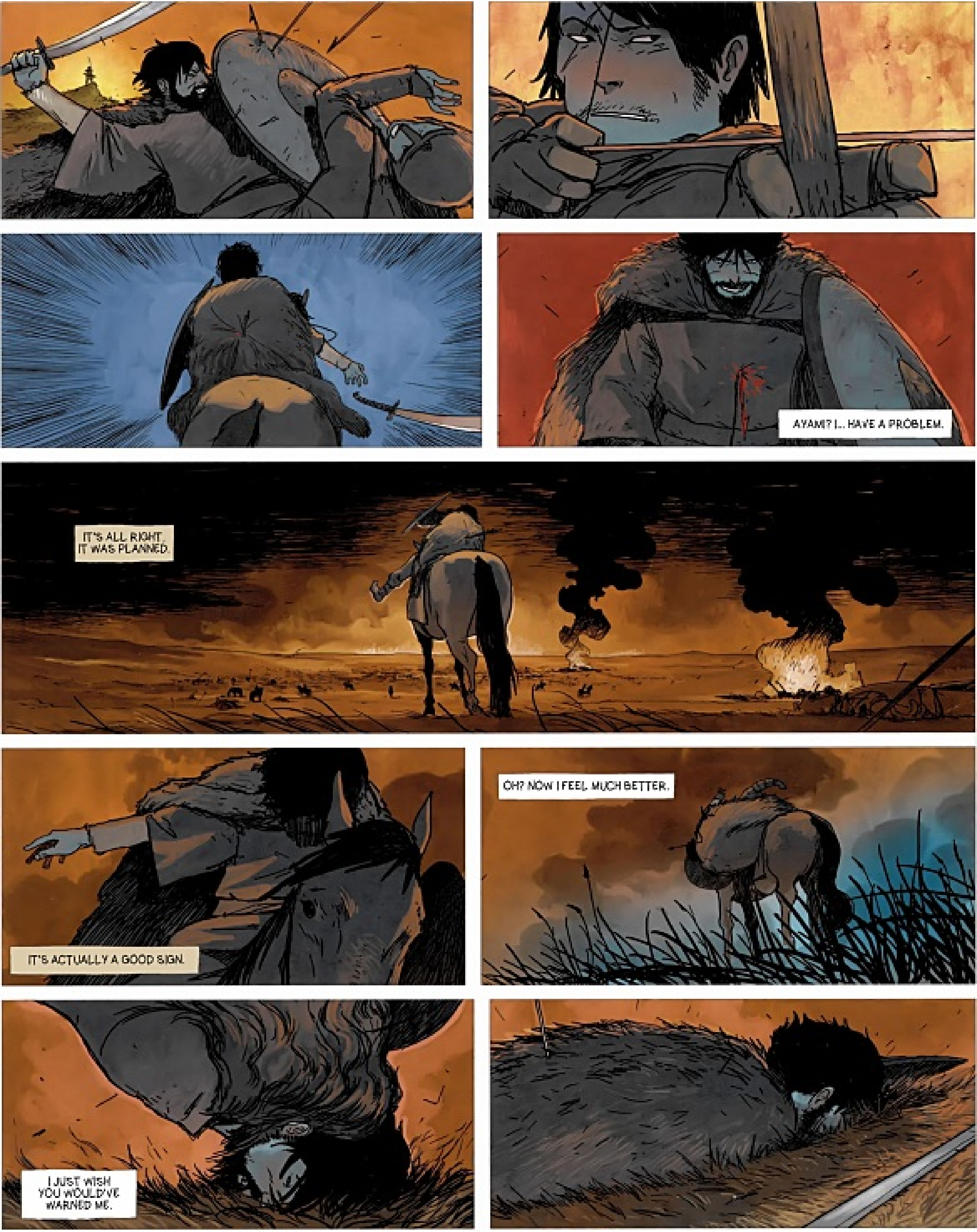

I'M WEARY, AYAMI..
STOP! DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
I KNOW YOU FEEL THAT TIME GOES SLOWLY, BUT LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, THE BORJIGIN AND THE TRIBES OF QONGGIRAT HAVE JOINED US..
BIG DEAL! THE TAICHUD HAVE ALLIED THEMSELVES WITH THE TATARS AND THE DJURKIN TO FIGHT US.
AND RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE HEADED OUR WAY.
WE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE.. LIKE WE WON THE PREVIOUS ONES.
I'M SICK OF THESE WARS. FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS NOW, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO UNIFY THE TRIBES..
SOON I'LL HAVE MORE BLOOD OF THESE TRIBES ON MY HANDS THAN THE GENERAL WHO WE ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT.
THE TATARS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR ENEMIES. ONCE YOU DEFEAT THEM, YOU CAN UNIFY MONGOLIA..
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO THEN IS DEFEAT THIS WICKED GENERAL.

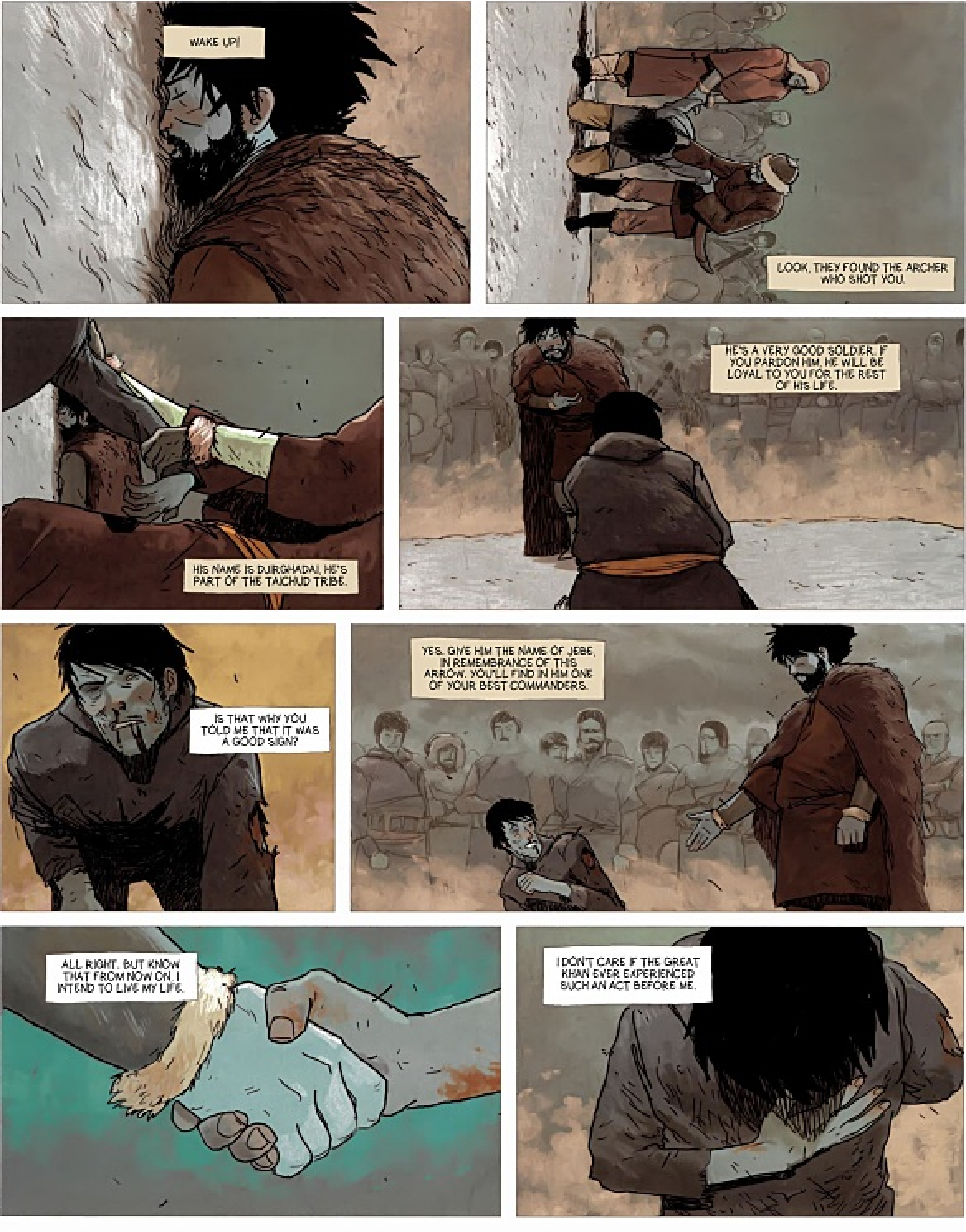

MY LORD! THE TARTARS WILL BE HERE BEFORE *NIGHTFALL*.
GOOD. A DECISIVE BATTLE IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.
BUT... THE MESSAGE OF OUR SCOUT SAYS THAT THEY HAVE MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND MEN. WE BARELY HAVE ONE THIRD.
WELL, THEN I'LL HAVE TO BE A VERY GOOD CHIEF...
TEMUJIN, IT'S SUICIDE!
REALLY, IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
THEN IT'S TIME TO TURN THIS INTO A FAIR FIGHT.
SPIRITS! MY FRIENDS, COME TO ME!

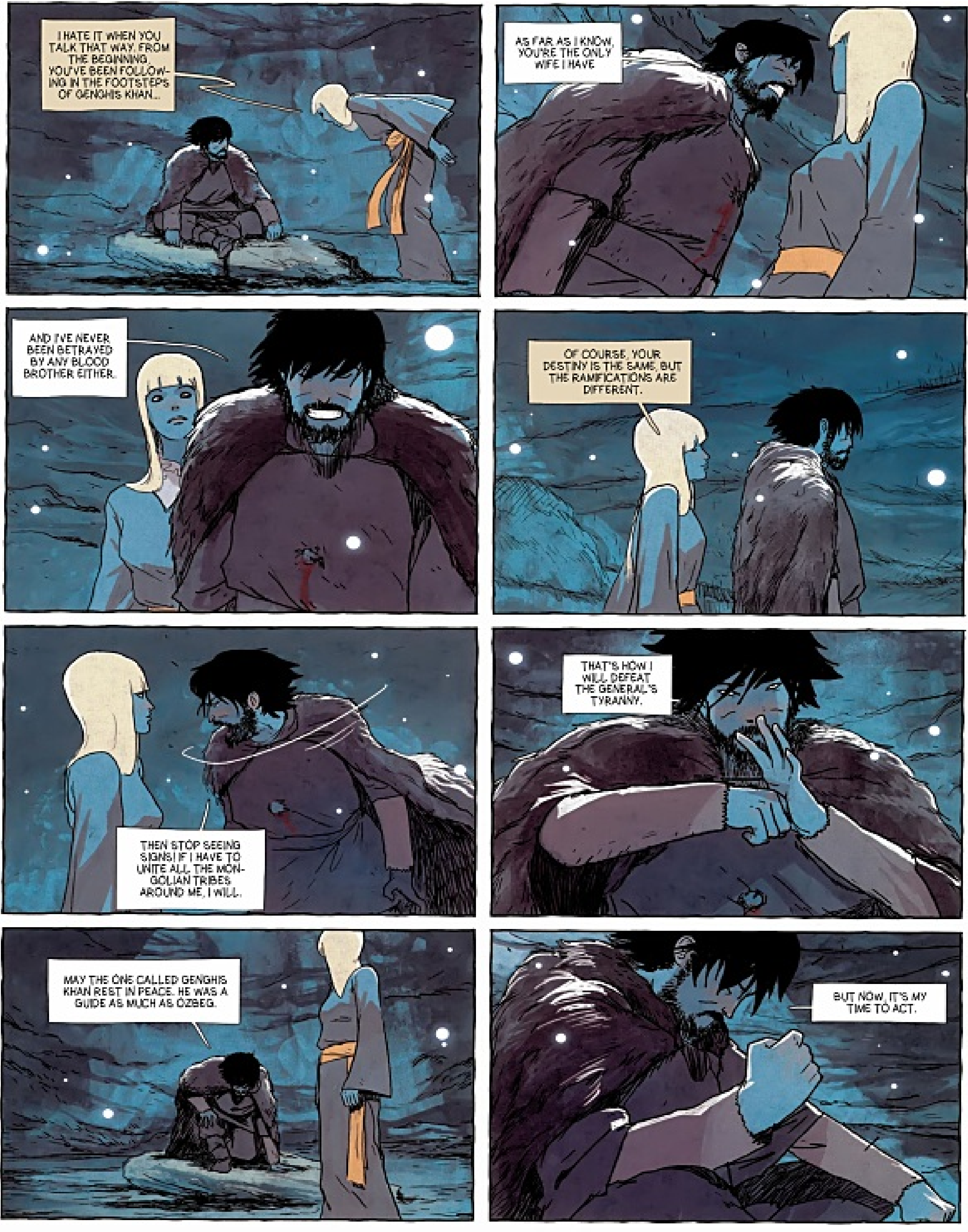


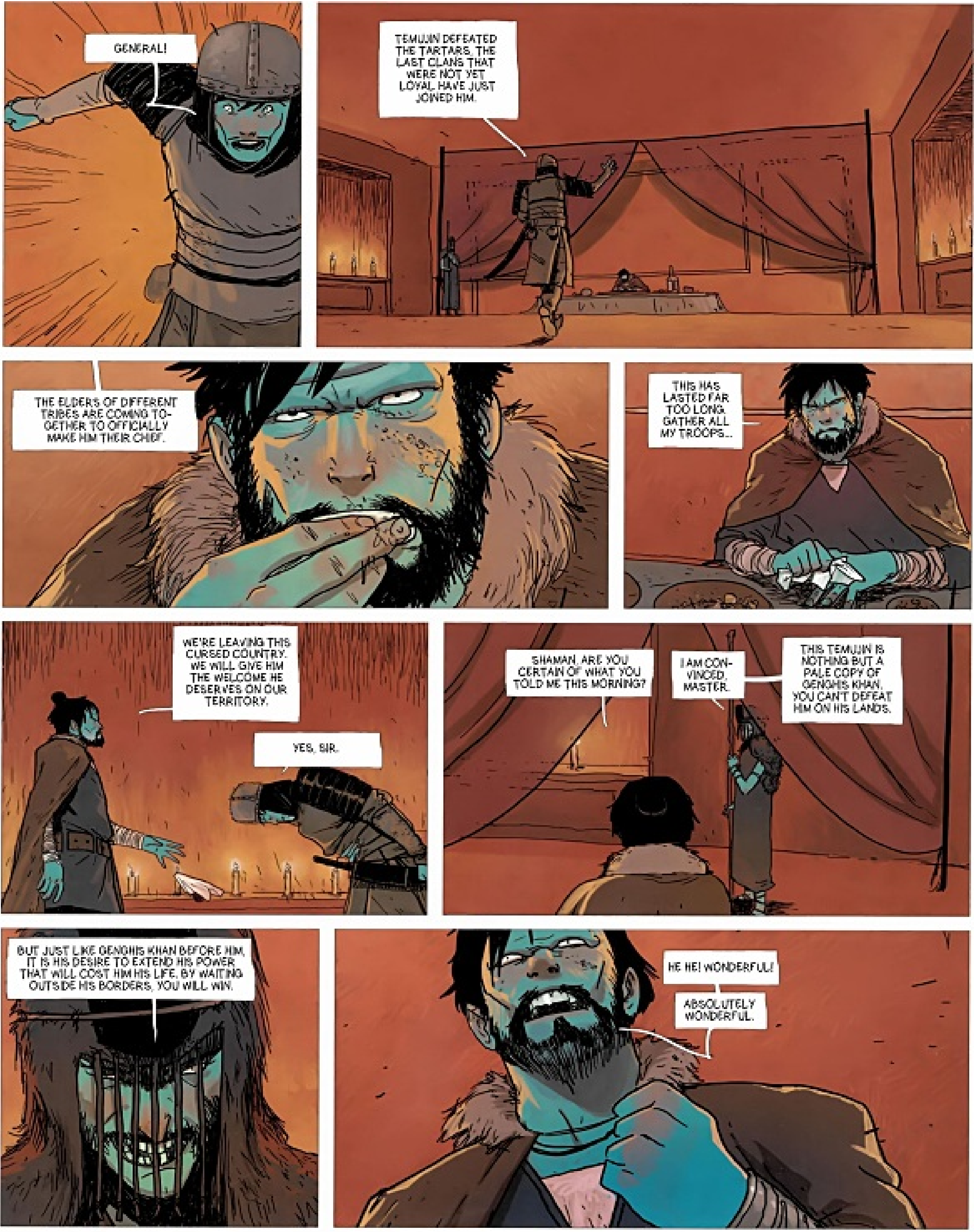


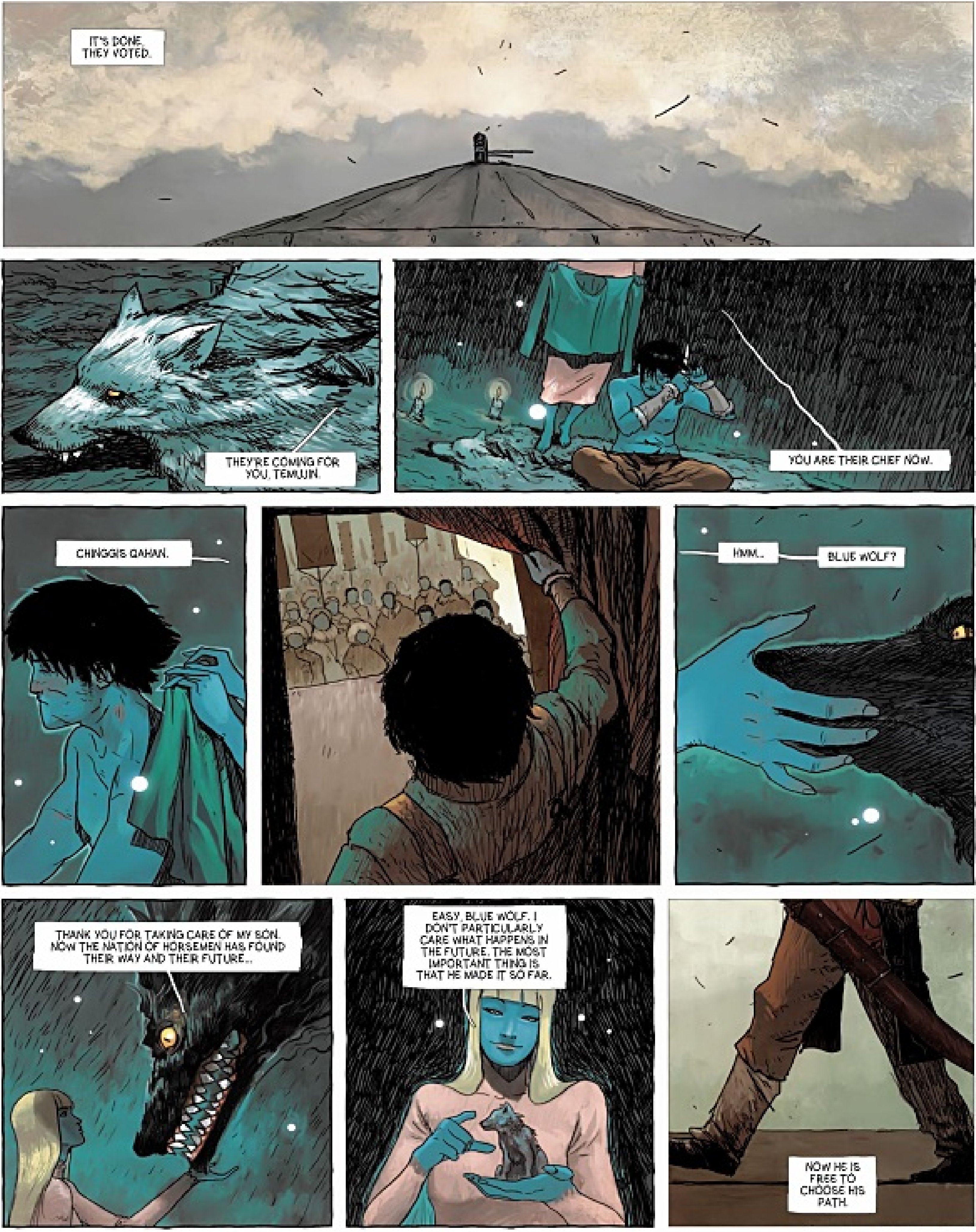


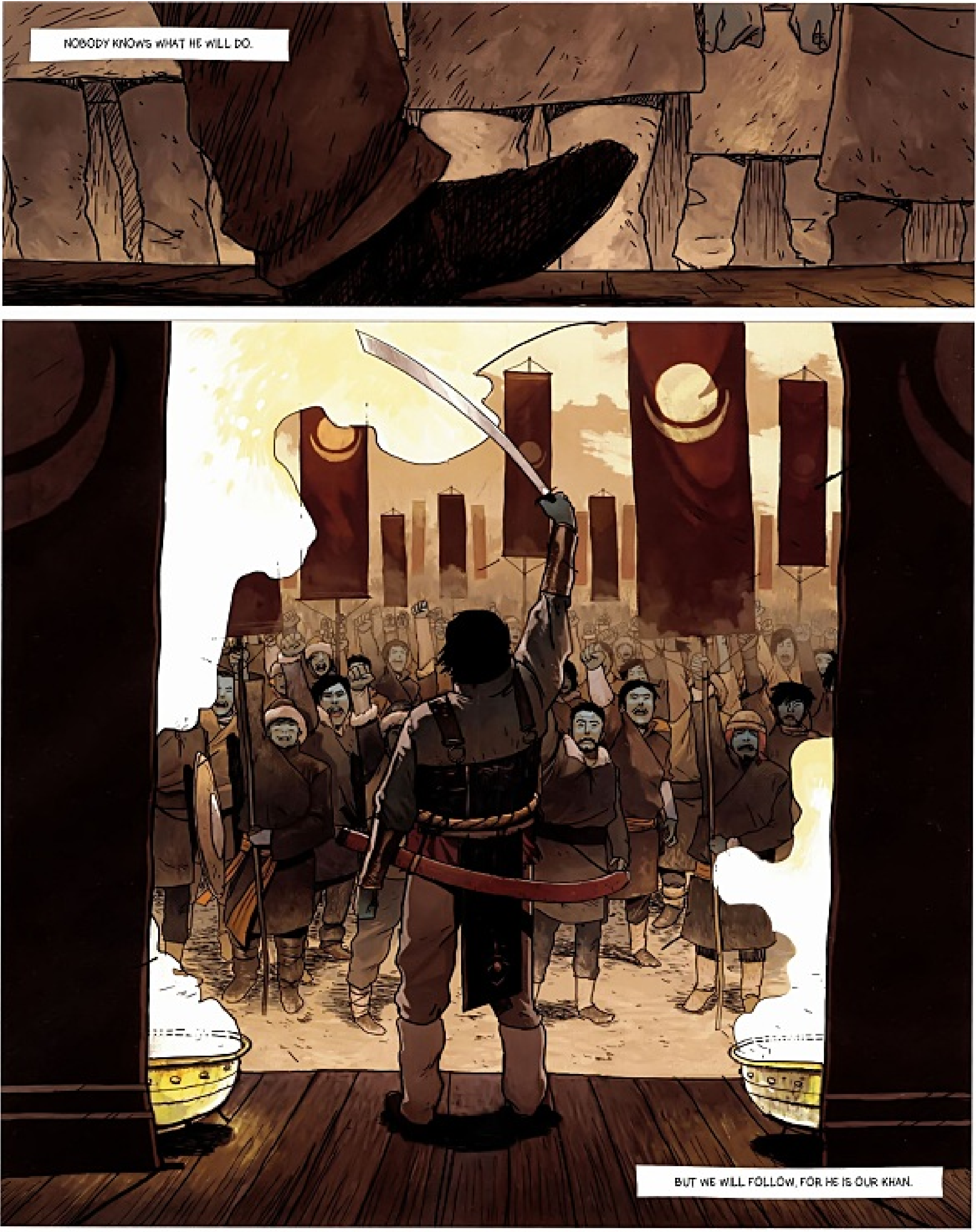

AYAM? I... HAVE A PROBLEM.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT WAS PLANNED.
IT'S ACTUALLY A GOOD SIGN.
OH? NOW I FEEL MUCH BETTER.
I JUST WISH YOU WOULD'VE WARNED ME.


WAKE UP!
LOOK, THEY FOUND THE ARCHER WHO SHOT YOU.
HIS NAME IS DJIRGHADAI, HE'S PART OF THE TAICHUD TRIBE.
HE'S A VERY GOOD SOLDIER. IF YOU PARDON HIM, HE WILL BE LOYAL TO YOU FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.
IS THAT WHY YOU TOLD ME THAT IT WAS A GOOD SIGN?
YES. GIVE HIM THE NAME OF JEBE, IN REMEMBRANCE OF THIS ARROW. YOU'LL FIND IN HIM ONE OF YOUR BEST COMMANDERS.
ALL RIGHT. BUT KNOW THAT FROM NOW ON, I INTEND TO LIVE MY LIFE.
I DON'T CARE IF THE GREAT KHAN EVER EXPERIENCED SUCH AN ACT BEFORE ME.


I HATE IT WHEN YOU TALK THAT WAY. FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GENGHIS KHAN...
AS FAR AS I KNOW, YOU'RE THE ONLY WIFE I HAVE
AND I'VE NEVER BEEN BETRAYED BY ANY BLOOD BROTHER EITHER.
OF COURSE, YOUR DESTINY IS THE SAME, BUT THE RAMIFICATIONS ARE DIFFERENT.
THEN STOP SEEING SIGNS! IF I HAVE TO UNITE ALL THE MONGOLIAN TRIBES AROUND ME, I WILL.
THAT'S HOW I WILL DEFEAT THE GENERAL'S TYRANNY.
MAY THE ONE CALLED GENGHIS KHAN REST IN PEACE. HE WAS A GUIDE AS MUCH AS ÖZBEG.
BUT NOW, IT'S MY TIME TO ACT.


GENERAL!
TEMUJIN DEFEATED THE TARTARS, THE LAST CLANS THAT WERE NOT YET LOYAL HAVE JUST JOINED HIM.
THE ELDERS OF DIFFERENT TRIBES ARE COMING TOGETHER TO OFFICIALLY MAKE HIM THEIR CHIEF.
THIS HAS LASTED FAR TOO LONG. GATHER ALL MY TROOPS...
WE'RE LEAVING THIS CURSED COUNTRY. WE WILL GIVE HIM THE WELCOME HE DESERVES ON OUR TERRITORY.
YES, SIR.
SHAMAN, ARE YOU CERTAIN OF WHAT YOU TOLD ME THIS MORNING?
I AM CONVINCED, MASTER.
THIS TEMUJIN IS NOTHING BUT A PALE COPY OF GENGHIS KHAN. YOU CAN'T DEFEAT HIM ON HIS LANDS.
BUT JUST LIKE GENGHIS KHAN BEFORE HIM, IT IS HIS DESIRE TO EXTEND HIS POWER THAT WILL COST HIM HIS LIFE, BY WAITING OUTSIDE HIS BORDERS, YOU WILL WIN.
HE HE! WONDERFUL!
ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL.


IT'S DONE. THEY VOTED.
THEY'RE COMING FOR YOU, TEMUJIN.
YOU ARE THEIR CHIEF NOW.
CHINGGIS QAHAN.
HMM..
BLUE WOLF?
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY SON. NOW THE NATION OF HORSEMEN HAS FOUND THEIR WAY AND THEIR FUTURE..
EASY, BLUE WOLF. I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FUTURE. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT HE MADE IT SO FAR.
NOW HE IS FREE TO CHOOSE HIS PATH.


NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HE WILL DO.
BUT WE WILL FOLLOW, FOR HE IS OUR KHAN.

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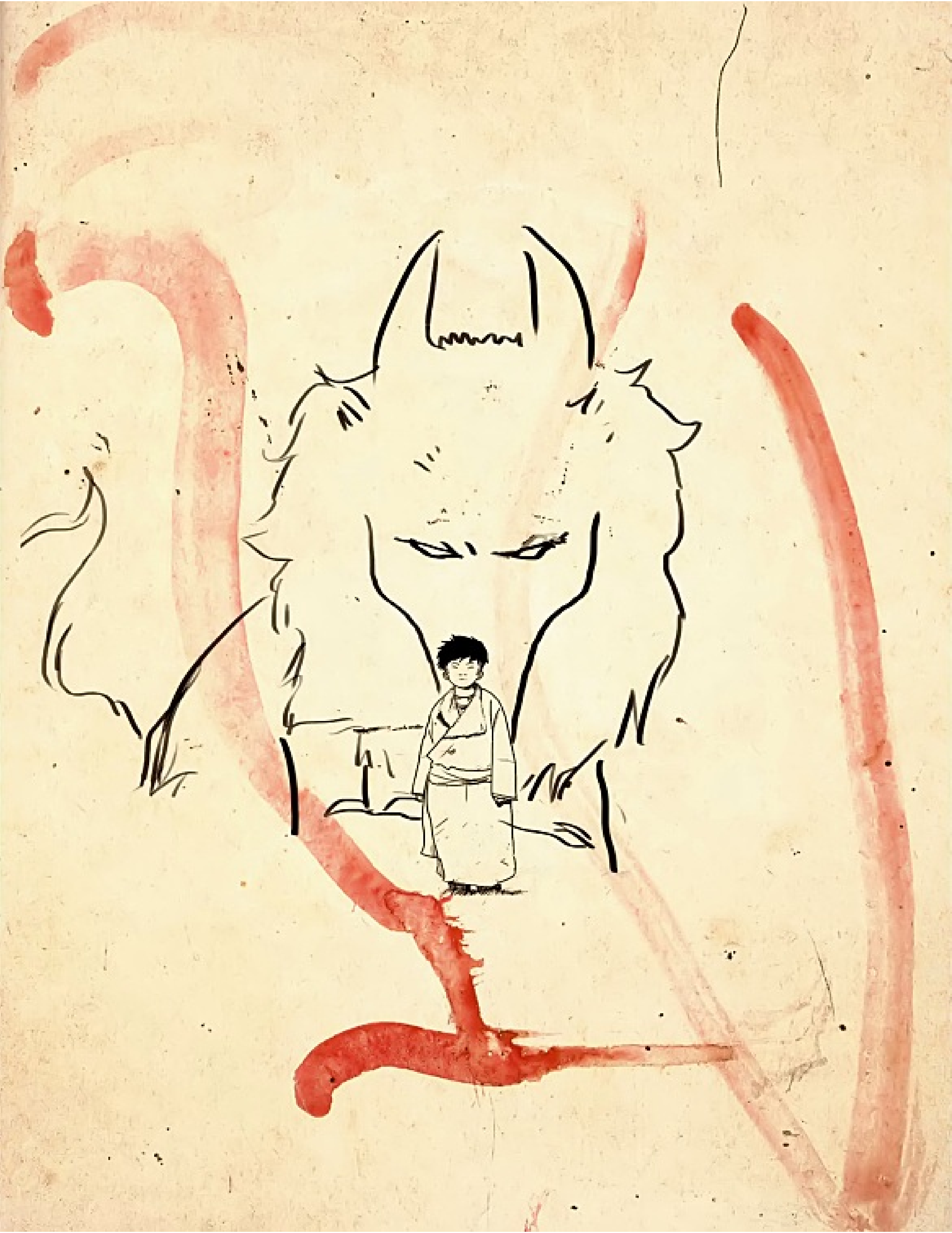
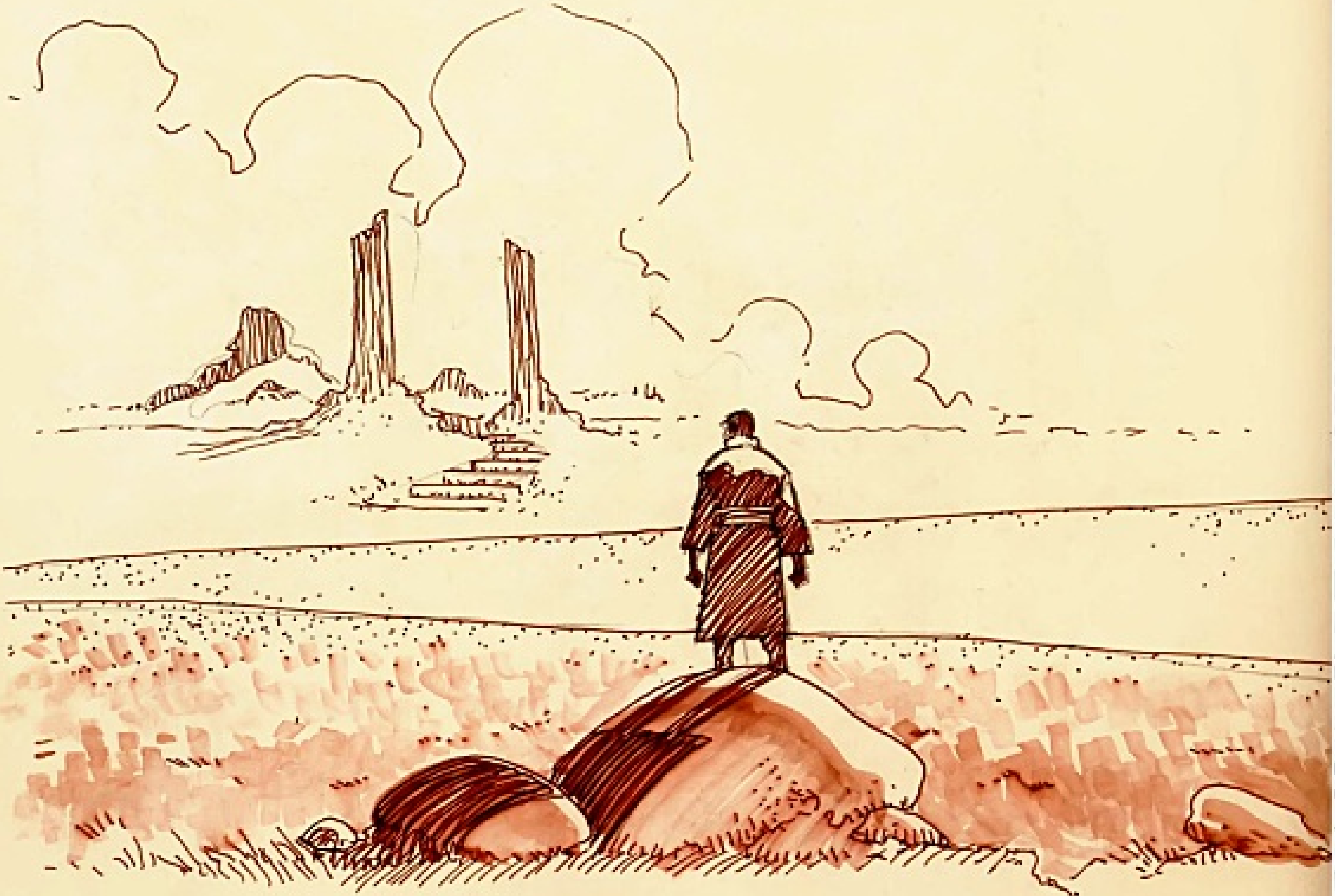
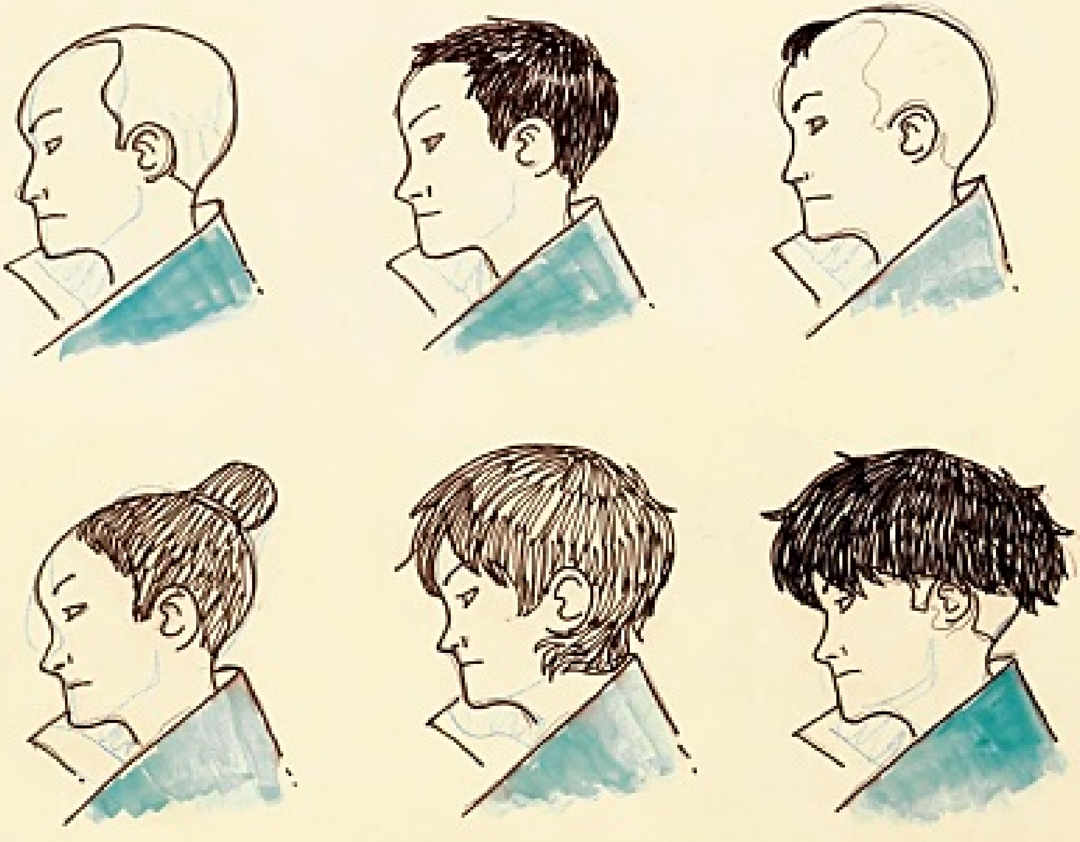
The man is resting. A few hours ago, he was designated as the Tchinggis Khan by the beki, Kokocu. Tonight, he is a complete man. But also a sad man. He is scared. He does not want to continue to walk in the footsteps of the other Genghis Khan. For fun, he said that he has bigger feet and that the footsteps are not the right size. But the reason is obviously something else.



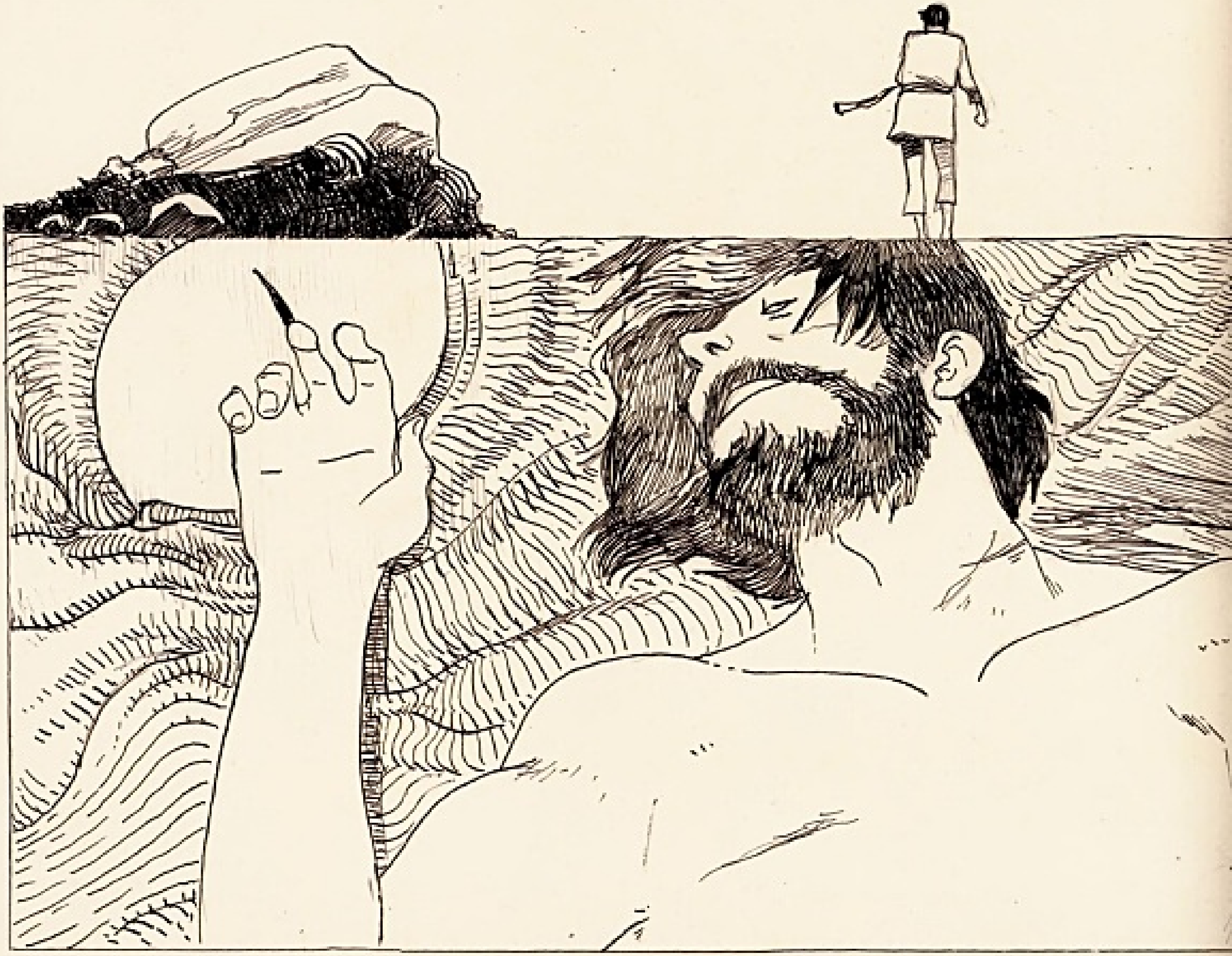


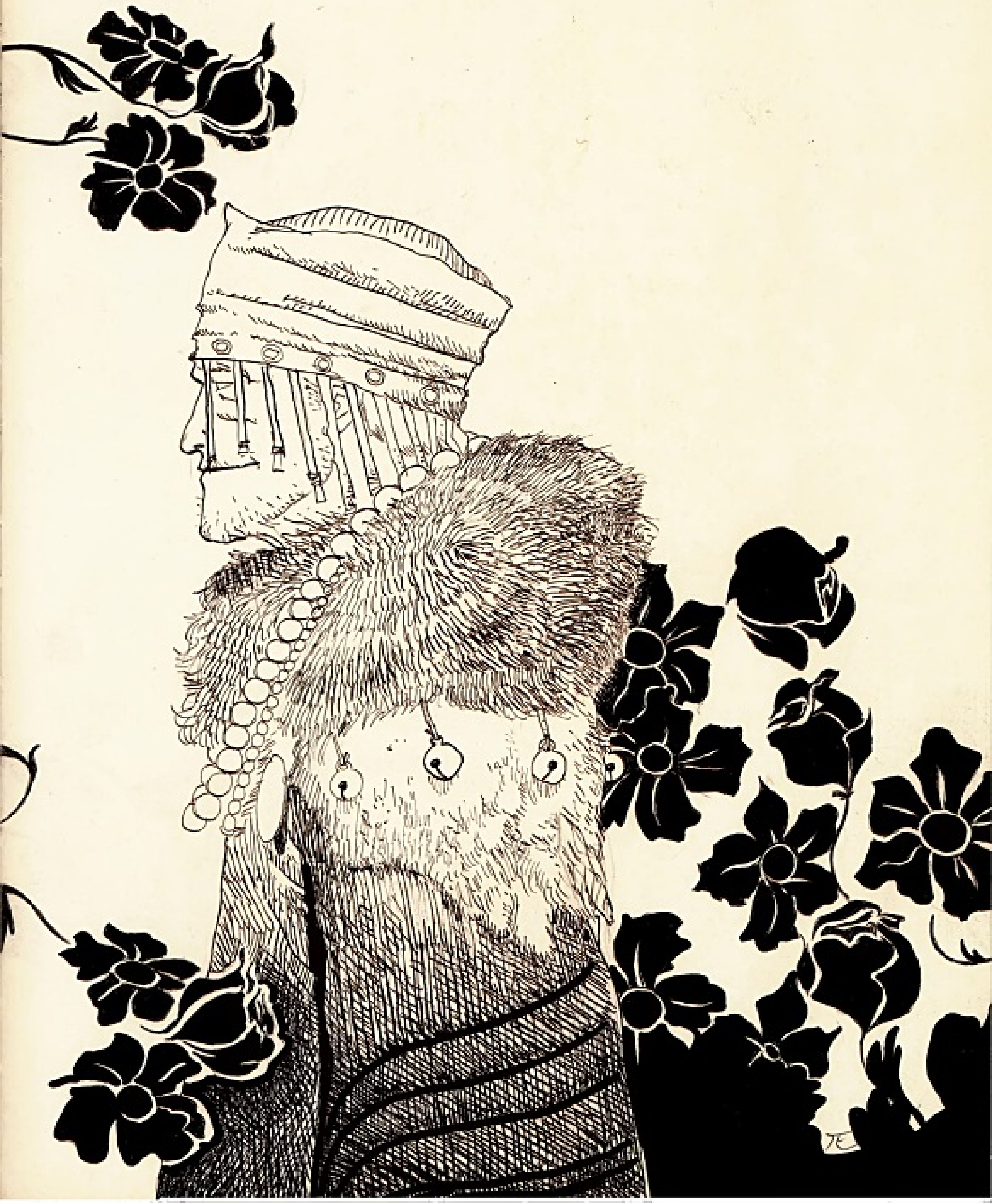
The man is resting, eyes closed. He's not sleeping yet, but he's already dreaming. He imagines another destiny. He invents a man of peace. After all, as the old Temujin, he managed to unify the Mongolian tribes. His title proves it. And then fear invites itself again. Peace will not be in terror. And the man doubts that his subjects love him more than they fear him.

The man is resting and thinking of his past life. He sees himself with his old master, his father, Ozbeg. He remembers the serenity he felt then. When they traveled from village to village to bless a herd or to chase ghosts out of a house. He remembers the happiness of silent travels riding on yak's back. His memory is filled with gratitude of simple people. He wonders if old Ozbeg made a mistake. He would have made a perfect shaman. Maybe even the greatest of them. His destiny was, no doubt, to unite the Mongols. But perhaps he could have done it as a shaman. Perhaps it would have been simpler and more effective. Perhaps his people would love him more today.



The man is resting and trying to calm down. Old stories pass under his eyes. The ones the old shaman told him when he was a child. The one about the black eagle who impregnated a woman resting under a tree. Mergen-Khara was born from this union, the first human shaman, well before Tarvaa who was the first who wanted to be a shaman... Yes, he wanted to become the greatest of the Bekis: the celestial shaman. He wanted to cross the nine steps that separate Earth from the world above; to be a body open to all forces and substances that circulate. But he knows now that this is impossible. He cannot go back.

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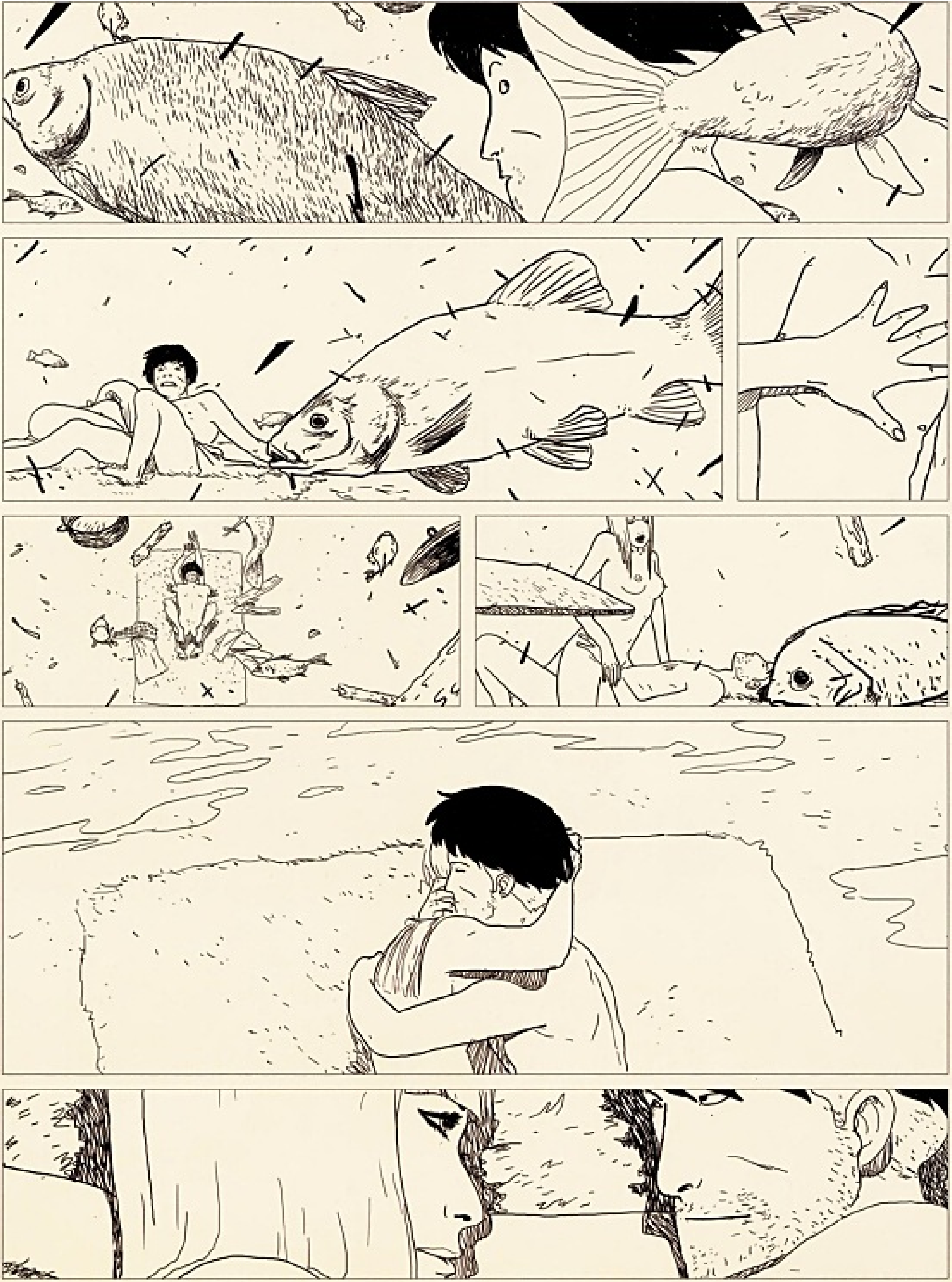
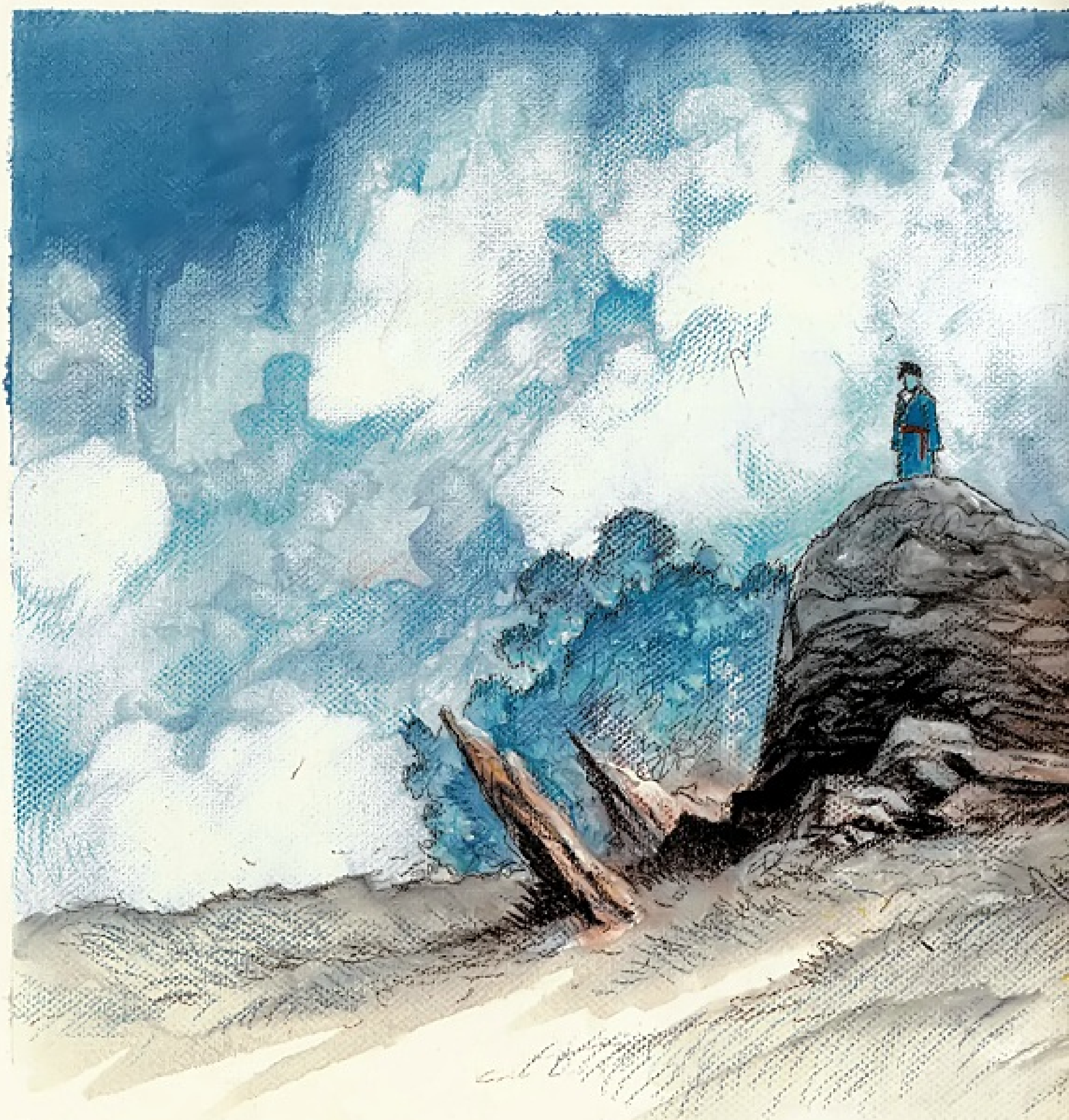
The man is resting and his mind is elsewhere. He joined the Ayami. He came to cuddle against her to be pitied. But the woman-spirit does not see it that way. She sings his praises. She says: "you are the punishment of God, and if your enemy had not committed great sacrilege, god would never have sent you to punish him." The man knows that these words belong to the other. He does not want them. He is not listening to them. Like a child, he cannot wait. He says he will never have a son named Ogodei. The Ayami smiled. She lays her hand on his face and surrounds him with comforting words. The man is lying and hears and the voice of the woman-spirit. She tells him that the spirit of Ozbeg came to see her. He revealed to her the true destiny of the second Temujin... Naturally, it includes fire and blood. The Kahn will have to conquer new lands and defend them against his many enemies beyond the Mongol borders. The man hears his fate and accepts it. Even though he must kill more people than he will ever sleep with until the end of his life, he accepts his story like he accepted the story about the cat and the demon (after all, the story says that men had very little hair. Is that not proof of its authenticity?)





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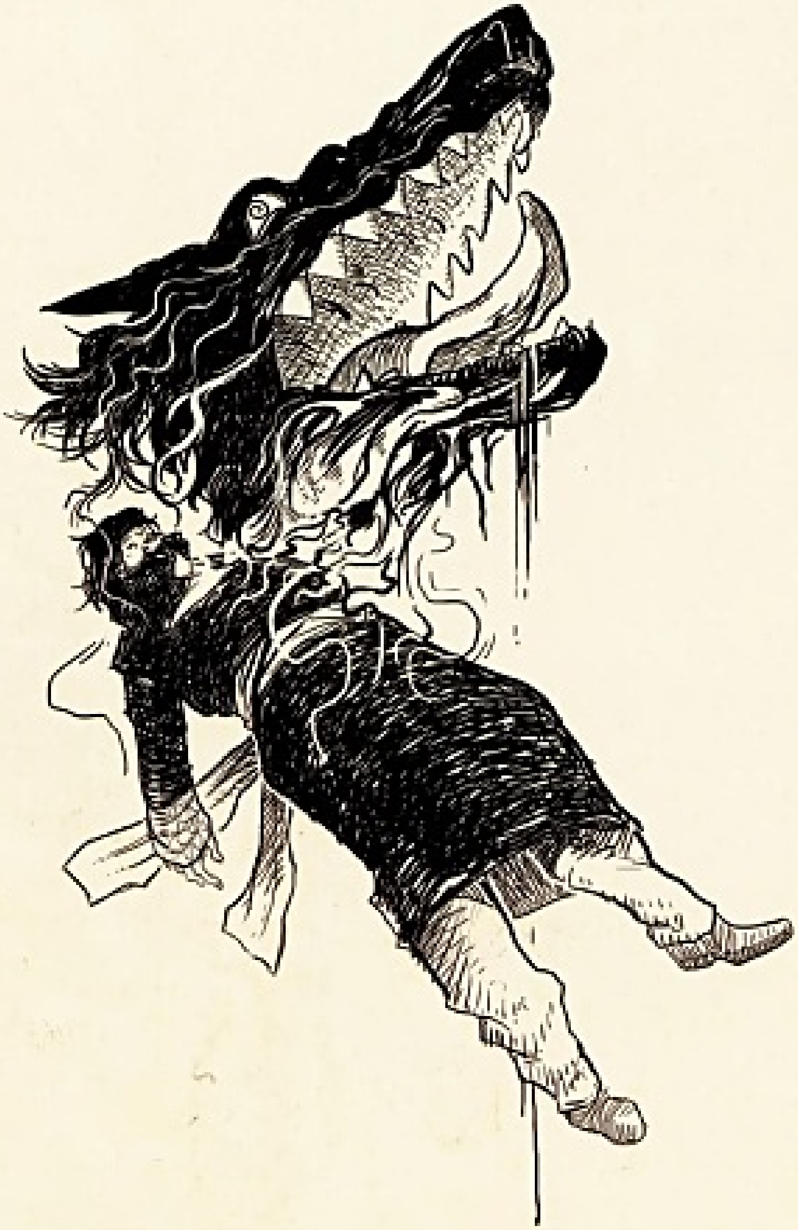
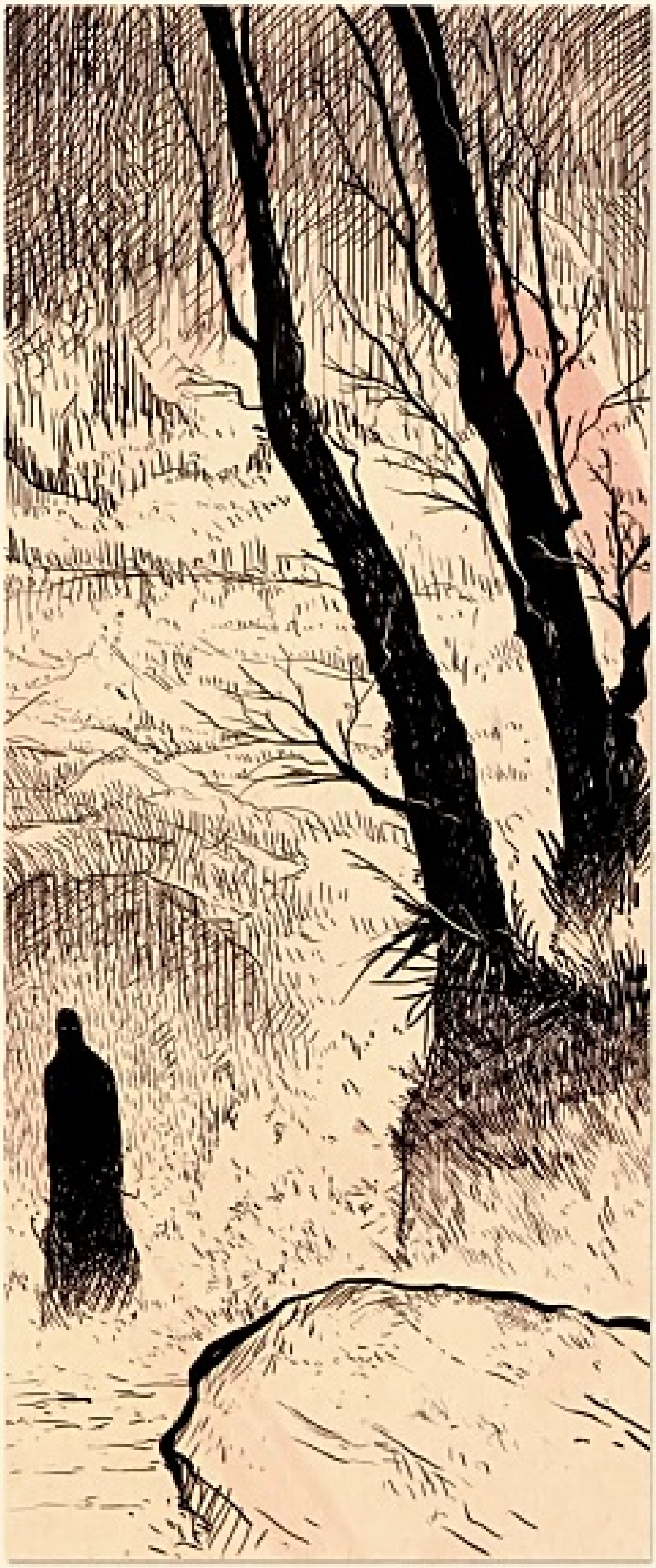
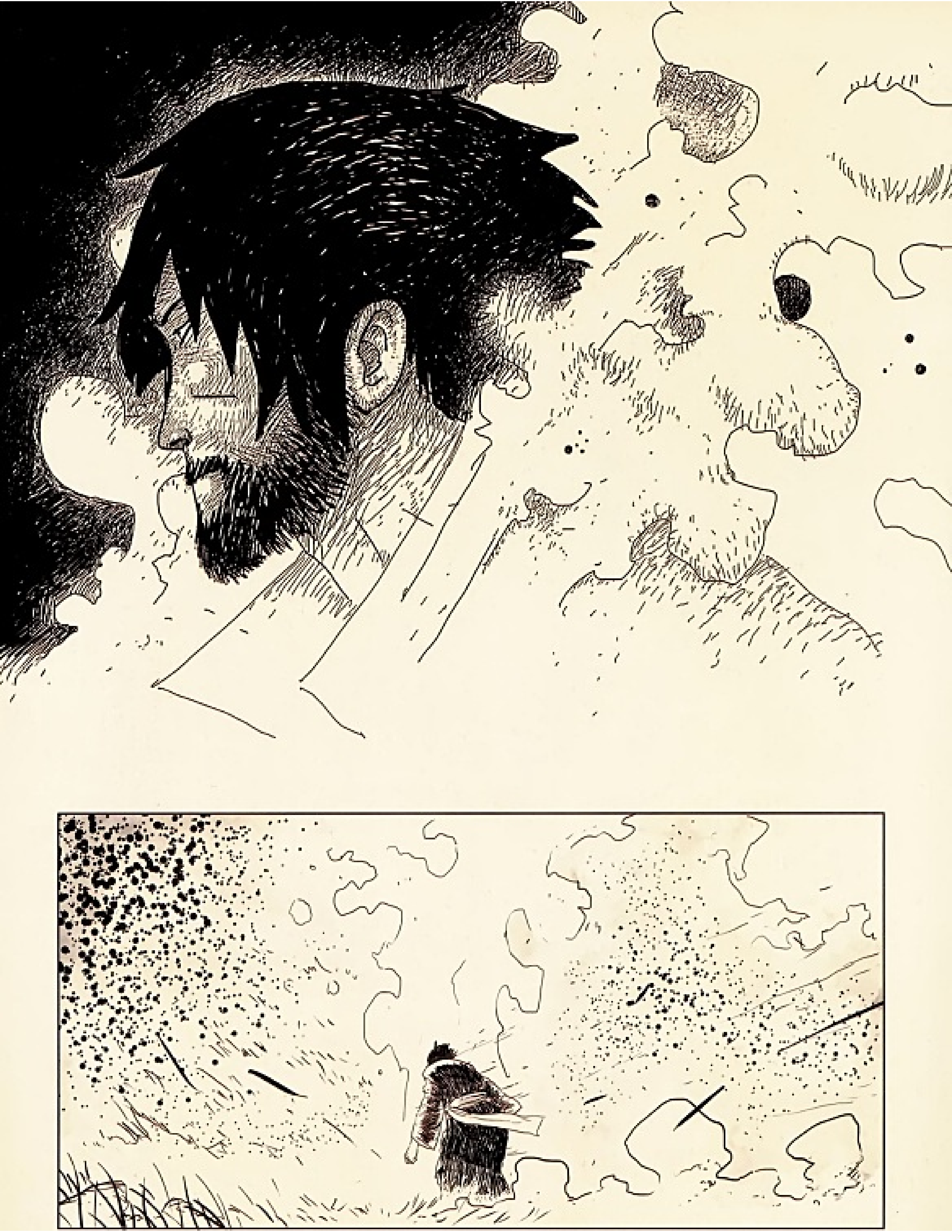
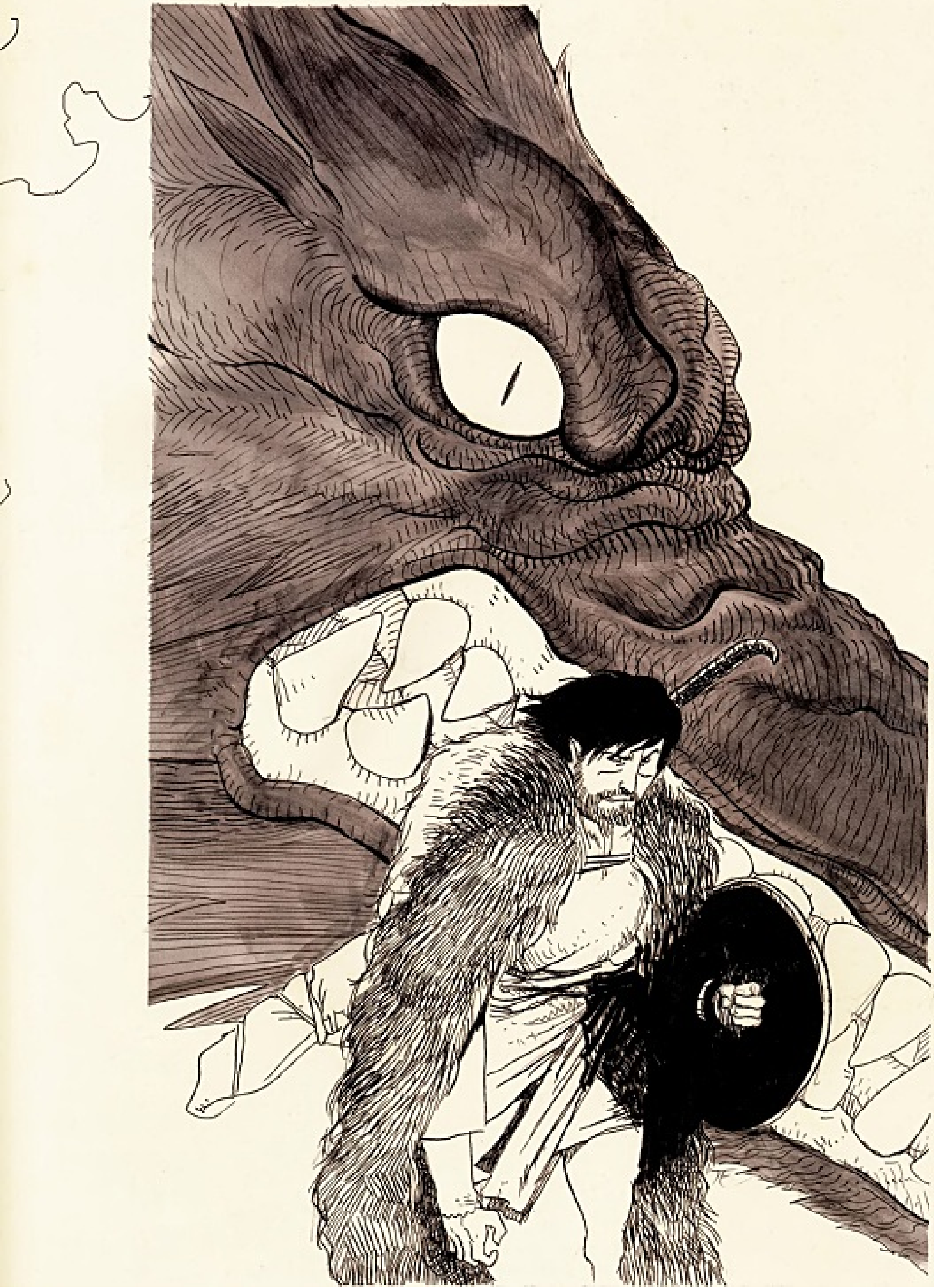
The man is resting and making a motionless journey. He sees himself on the battlefield. He sees his wounds open and close. He sees himself building his legend... And then there's nothing. A great white landscape. This is the last gift of Ozbeg. He who knows all this from the beginning. The man is born again. He also sees the birth of the Ayami, his beloved. And the birth of their child. He is no longer Khan. He can live calmly and peacefully... Now he knows that this long path of glory will bring him the peace to which he aspires.





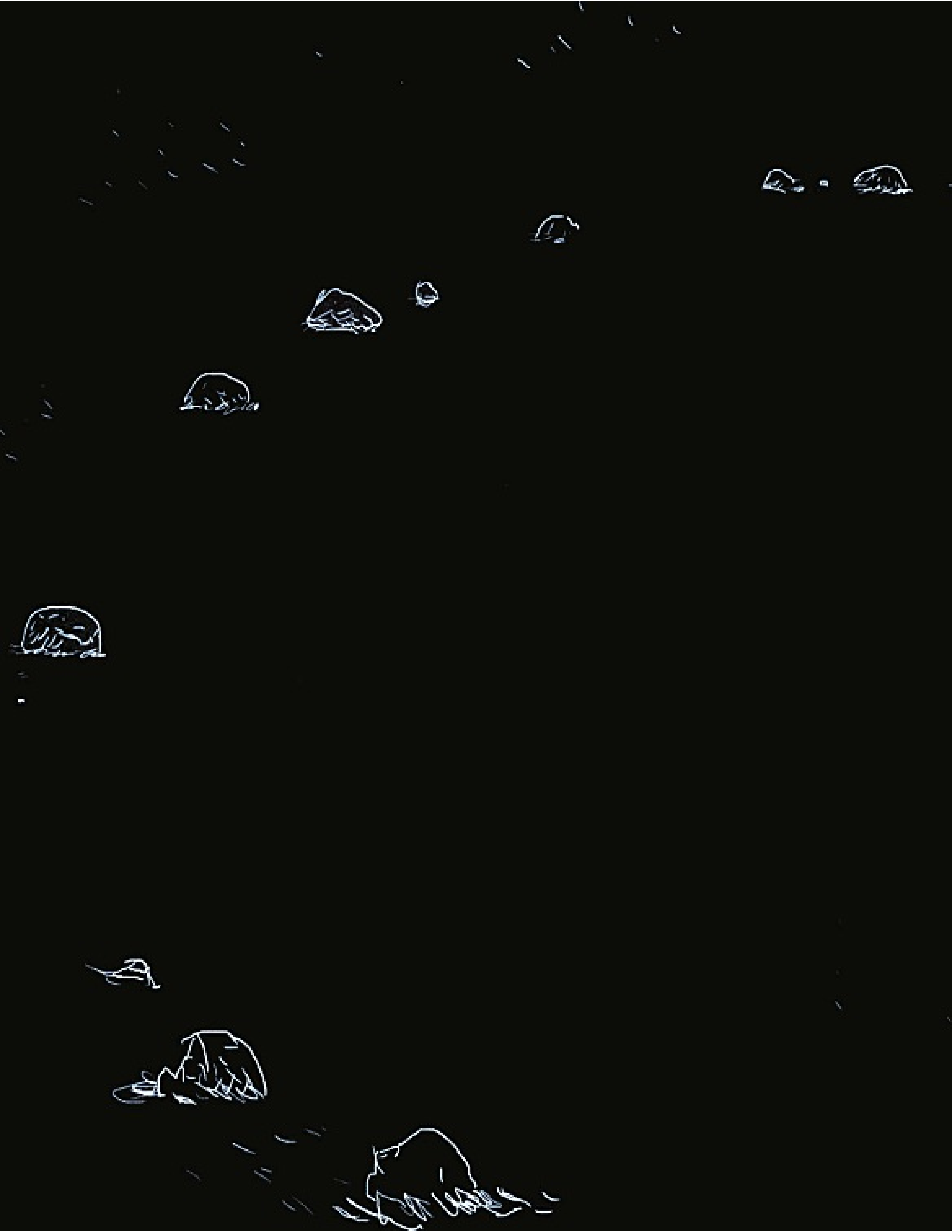




The man is resting but not for long. Before he gets up, his spirit-wife has just enough time to erase these visions from his memory. He will live without fear of death. Even when he finds her in front of him.

He opens his eyes. With a smile on his lips.

And the desire to fight in his heart.



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